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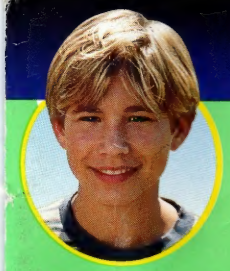

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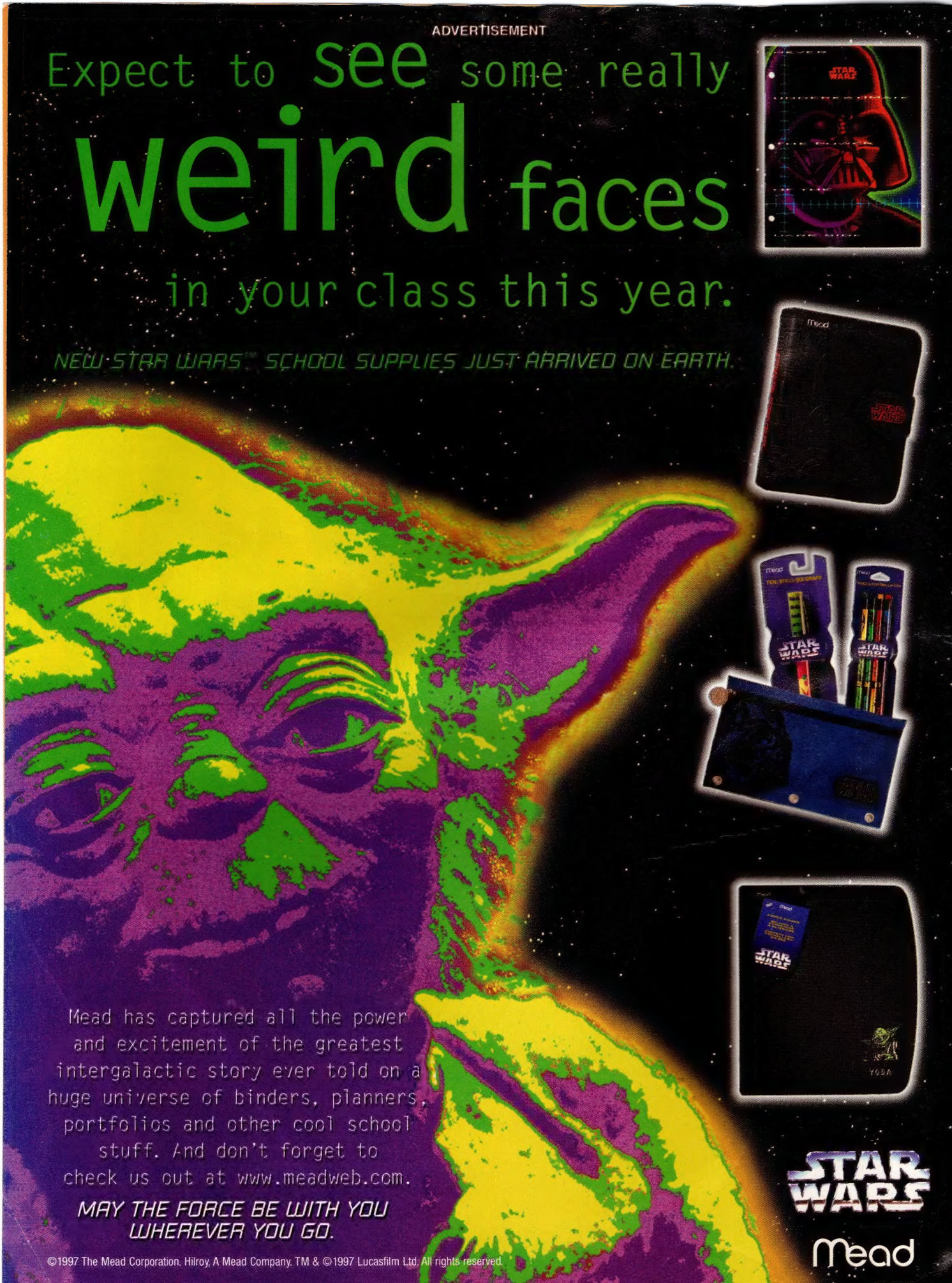

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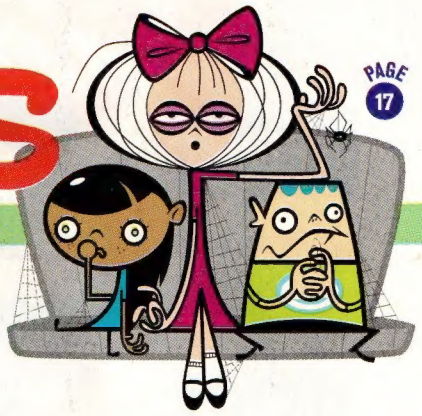
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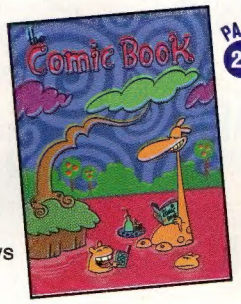

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Erica P., age 11
Campbellsport, Wisconsin

Dear Erica,
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Richie M., age 11
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Dear Richie,
See Sean F.'s letter, below.

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Do you people go to the bathroom?
Sean F., age 11
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Dear Sean,
See Richie M.'s letter, above.

Dear Nick Mag,
Is Zelda really that small?
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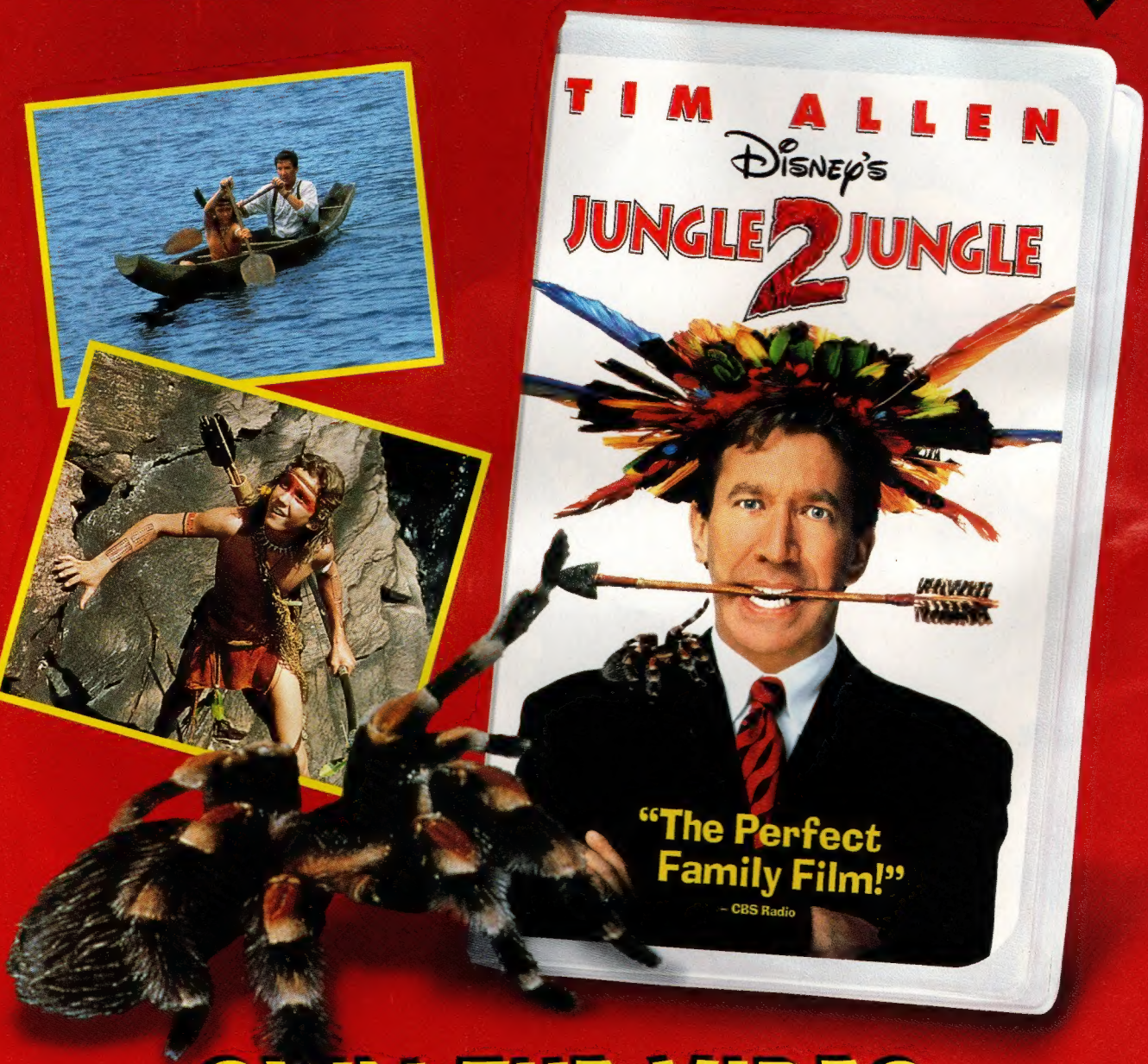

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In "Going the Distance" (page 40), we interviewed people who travel for their jobs. Roger Strasberg, a pilot, just happens to be the big brother of Tina, our art director. Here's a picture of them at his graduation from military school. The one in the uniform still wears a uniform, and the one who's all dolled up still dolls up...the pages of this magazine.

To celebrate our Summer Travel Issue, we looked high and low for our favorite souvenirs. You'll just need to look high (along the tops of our pages) to see them.

Every Day Has Its Dog

Since this month's calendar (page 52) features the "dog days" of summer, a few of us brought in photos of our dogs. Not all of them made it onto the calendar, so here are the pageless pups:

Our Greatest Hits

The woman on the raft next to this issue's page numbers appeared as "Aunt Frenchie" in our June/July 1994 issue. We liked her so much, we decided to bring her back. She's not the only subject who has floated by more than once. For example, in just the last year the following have appeared:

Brandy	twice	Elvis Presley	3 times
Kenny Rogers	twice	Otters	3 times
Devon Sawa	3 times	Jonathan Taylor Thomas	4 times
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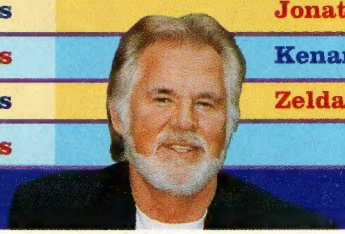

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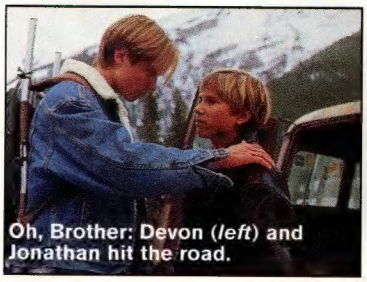
Where the Wild Boys Are

This summer, you can see DEVON SAWA and JONATHAN TAYLOR THOMAS in *Wild America*, a movie about brothers who go on a road trip to track and film wild animals. We tracked the boys down.

We Liked What We Sawa



Oh, Brother: Devon (*left*) and Jonathan hit the road.

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: What has been your favorite role?
DEVON SAWA: Mark in *Wild America*. It was just a lot of fun to shoot. We shot in Savannah, Georgia, for a month and a half, and then we were in Calgary, Alberta [Canada], for a month.

Which city did you prefer?
I liked them both. Savannah was hot and had beach weather. And Calgary was great because the weather was snowy and cold. We went from the beach to the snowy hills.

What was the scariest scene to shoot in the movie?
The one with the bears in the cave.

Some of the bears were just people in bear suits, right?
Yeah.

Did you ever try on a bear suit?
No. I did put on a bear head, though. It was hot and sweaty inside.

Was there a stunt that was especially fun or frightening?
They didn't let us do much, but I liked the driving scenes. We went over ramps and caught air.

Did you have a good time hanging out with Jonathan and Scott Bairstow, who plays another brother, Marty?
It was a crazy shoot. We all got a little bit crazy at times. We tortured Jonathan a lot, in a brotherly sort of way.

Do you wish that you were known by your initials the way JTT is?
No offense to Jonathan, but no. DES is not going to work for me. (Edward is my middle name.)

When you were a kid, did you have a tree house?
No, but my younger brother and sister and I built a fort in the backyard that was about two stories tall. It was like a tower, a little hangout. We had to knock it down at the end of the summer. My dad wanted it down because it took up most of the yard.

What's your favorite vacation spot?
I'm a big fan of Hawaii: the weather, the beaches, the waves.

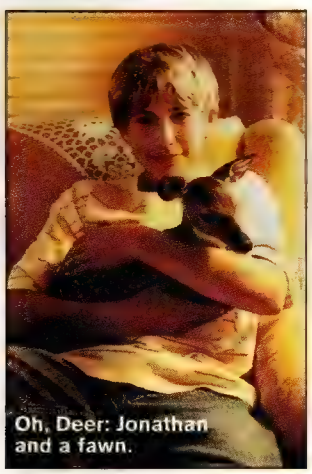
Oh, Boys: (*from left*) Scott Bairstow, Jonathan Taylor Thomas, and Devon Sawa.

Do you surf?
I don't surf—I boogie board.

Who's cooler: Yogi Bear or Fozzie Bear?
Let me think. Yogi or Fozzie? I'd have to say Fozzie...no, Yogi. I just like the picnic basket idea, you know. They always looked so good in the cartoon.

Jonathan Taylor Told Us

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: What was the best part about shooting in Georgia and Alberta, Canada?
JONATHAN TAYLOR THOMAS: Savannah is a wonderful city; it's got a lot of history and great architecture, and the people are very friendly. And Canada was just beautiful. We were in a couple national parks, and the mountains are incredible, but it was very cold. We arrived there in May, during a blizzard.


Oh, Deer: Jonathan and a fawn.

You needed to put away your suntan oil?
Oh yeah. My character always wore sneakers in the film, even in the snow. My feet were constantly frozen. I had to change socks repeatedly during the day.

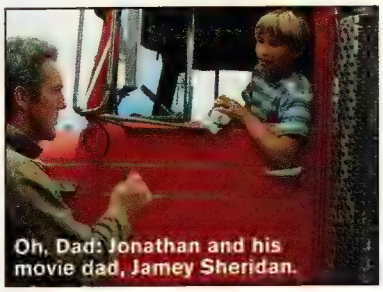
What was your favorite scene to shoot?
The whole bear sequence, because there are a lot of special effects, and the real bears we worked with were incredible. They were great animals.

In some scenes there were people in bear suits, right?
Yeah, and they also used some computer-generated graphics as well as real bears. So it's a combination, and you can't really tell which is which.

Did you have a favorite animal to work with?
The lion was awesome. His name was Arthur. He was a beautiful animal, so majestic and wild.

Do you think you liked him because you played Simba in *The Lion King*?
Um, no [laughs]. I just thought Arthur was really great.

Is there an animal that you're afraid of?
No, not really. Nothing seems to bother me. I was in Costa Rica, and there were bugs there that were practically bigger than my hand and they didn't really bother me.


Oh, Dad: Jonathan and his movie dad, Jamey Sheridan.

Did you get hurt doing any stunts in the movie?
We were always cautious. I got little scratches here and there but nothing major. I wasn't really scared, because our stunt coordinators did their jobs well.

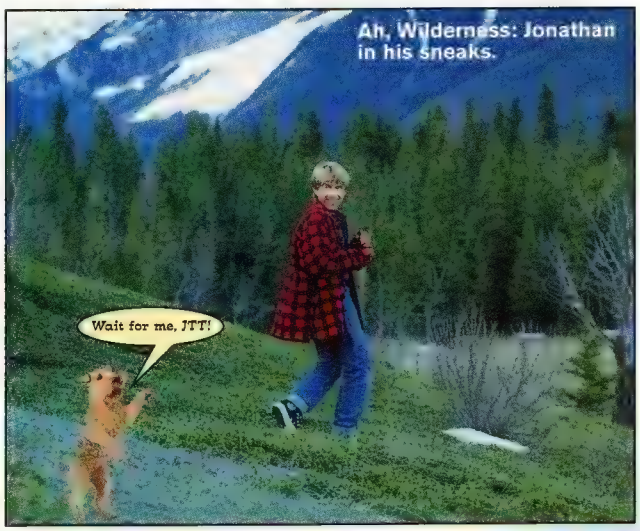
Devon said that he and Scott teased you in a brotherly way. Did you ever get back at them?
No, it was all in good fun. And it helped us get into character.

What's your favorite thing to do outdoors?
Fishing and skiing. It's a toss-up; I love both.

How fast can you pitch a tent?
It depends. If it's a big tent with all the rods and stuff, it can take forever. But those pop-up tents are really quick. When I go camping, that's what I use.

And how fast can you pitch a fit?
It takes a long time for me to throw a tantrum. I haven't done that since I was really little.

Who's cooler: Yogi Bear or Fozzie Bear?
I think Fozzie. Yogi's pretty cool, too, though. He's always trying to steal food from people. ❑



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Some celebrities took the time to answer our questions about their free time.

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Are you afraid of flying?
Not scared, but I get a little leery sometimes.

What's been your favorite vacation?
You know, I've never taken a real vacation. But I'm going to have one this year. I'm going to Aruba with Sinbad, who will be doing a show there.

Is there somewhere you really want to go?
I've been everywhere, but I've always been just working. Hmmm. Where do I really, really want to go? The moon.

Shannon Miller

Gymnast

What's your ideal vacation?
My idea of a vacation right now is just spending a week at home.

Sinbad

of *Good Burger* and *First Kid*

What's the longest car trip you've ever taken?
When I was just starting out as a stand-up comic, I drove about 35,000 miles in three months, traveling to different jobs. I would do a gig in Florida, then drive to Colorado, then drive back to Florida.

How did you stay awake while driving?
I drank cola. And I played the radio really loud.

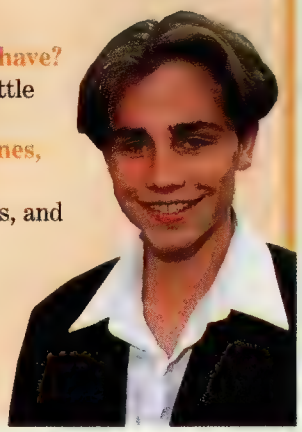
Rider Strong

of *Boy Meets World*

What kind of car do you have?
I just got a BMW Z3—a little convertible. I love it.

Which do you prefer: planes, trains, or automobiles?
I love riding in automobiles, and watching trains.

What about planes?
Eh, I'm on planes all the time. They're so boring. I like being able to see everything around me.

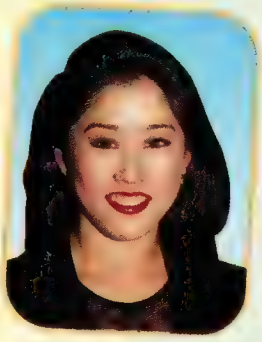


Kristi Yamaguchi

Figure skater

What's your favorite family vacation?
We spend two weeks in Hawaii. I've been going with my family every summer for the past four or five years.

What are your favorite foods while on the road?
Ice cream and buffalo wings.



Scott Wolf

of *Party of Five*

If you could take a trip with anyone, who would it be?
Probably my brothers, because they're my favorite people.

How many brothers do you have?
Two. I should mention my sister, too. Otherwise, she'll get mad. She should come along.

Chris Farley

of *Beverly Hills Ninja* and *Tommy Boy*

Which do you prefer: planes, trains, or automobiles?
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Check Out the HID-INN Motel

Before you check out of a motel, you should scour the room to make sure you didn't leave anything behind. Can you find the items lost in this room?

by Jonathan Carlson Answers on page 62.

- [x] Baseball hat
- [x] Bikini
- [x] Camera
- [x] Cassette tape
- [x] Game Boy
- [x] Headphones
- [x] Key chain
- [x] Pocketbook
- [x] Sandal
- [x] Snorkel
- [x] Souvenir pencil
- [x] Sunglasses
- [x] Sunscreen bottle
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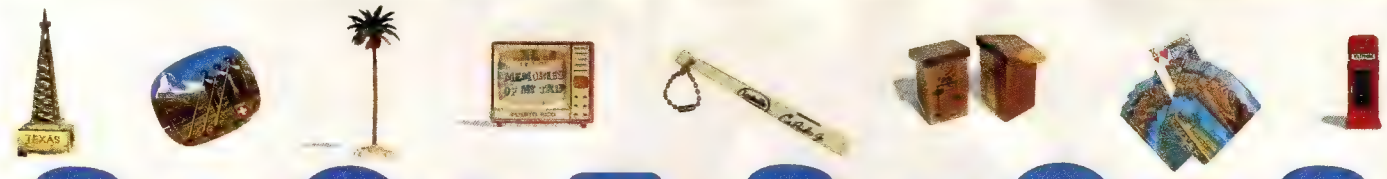
- [x] Water wing

Dibs on the tennis ball.



SHORE SHOTS

LISA ARCE and ADAM JOHNSON are beach volleyball players. In 1994, Lisa was the Women's Professional Volleyball Association's Rookie of the Year. This year she's on a top-ranked two-person team with Holly McPeak. Adam plays with Jose Loiola, and last year they won the U.S. Tour Championships. ANDREW SANTELLA recently served up some questions to Lisa and Adam.

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NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: How fast is your serve?
Adam Johnson: It's been estimated at about 60 miles per hour.

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: What's the hardest part about playing beach volleyball?
Lisa Arce (pronounced AR-see): You have to get your sand legs—that's what we call them. You get to be a good volleyball player indoors, and then you put yourself on the beach and you don't feel skilled anymore. You wobble around, have a hard time jumping, and tend to make a lot of errors. You have to get used to the sand, the wind, and the sun.

Does the sand burn your feet?
It can, but we get used to the heat. There's some sand with a lot of black grains in it, and when that gets really hot, we have to wear socks.

Does sand get in your mouth when you dive?
I try to remember to keep my mouth shut when I'm diving, but sometimes I'm yelling to my partner and I get sand in my mouth. It's called a sand-wich.

Does it get in your clothes?
It gets everywhere. In our bathing suits, our ears, our eyes, our hair, under our fingernails. Every day I play on the beach, I take a good shower, and then I still find some sand on me.

When you're not playing volleyball, do you still like the beach?
I do. I live close to the beach [Manhattan Beach in Southern California], and I love to take walks there at sunset. There are dolphins that sometimes play in the water, and it's nice to just sit and watch them.

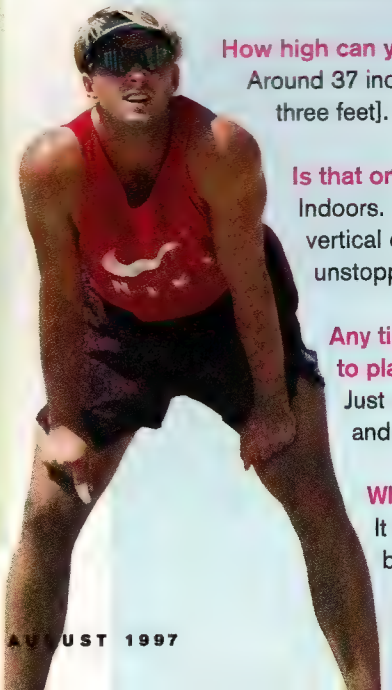
Do you have any beach volleyball advice for kids?
Always remember to wear sunscreen, and have fun.

Do you get sand in your mouth when you dive?
Yes, and everywhere else. It's amazing where you find that sand.

How do you get it out?
I jump in the ocean when I'm done working out. And I take at least two showers a day.

Which do you like better, setting or spiking?
I have to say spiking. Everyone likes to see a spike go down hard.

When you're through playing a game, which part of your body hurts the most?
The beach is very forgiving on your body. If anything will be sore, it's going to be your shoulder, from swinging.

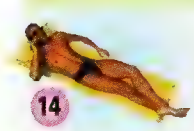


How high can you jump?
Around 37 inches [or more than three feet].

Is that on sand or indoors?
Indoors. If I had a 37-inch vertical outdoors, I'd be unstoppable.

Any tips for kids on how to play beach volleyball?
Just experiment with it and have fun.

What's your SPF?
It depends on the day, but usually about a 30.



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During your visit, you might be lucky enough to see our resident family of _____ (wild animal)(s). However, such sightings are rare. You are much more likely to see _____ (farm animal)(s) and _____ (kind of pet)(s).

More than _____ (number) trails criss-cross the Park. Our most popular trail, _____ (name of gym teacher)'s Staircase, snakes an invigorating _____ (large number) miles upward towards Devil's _____ (kitchen gadget), a geologic wonder dating back to the time of ancient _____ (noun)-dwelling tribes. Don't miss the _____ (furniture)-in-the-Hill. It's a rock formation that has fascinated hikers for centuries.

If you choose to stay overnight, the Park has a campground with _____ (number) tent sites and one centrally located _____ (adjective) bath-house. It features a door that always slams and a single fluorescent bulb that shines all night long, attracting the native _____ (insect)(s).Come dusk, many campers like to gather at the amphitheater for Ranger _____ (first name)'s nightly interpretive talk, "Our Misunderstood Friend, the _____ (scary animal)."

Life here at the Gorge is not without its dangers. Should you encounter a(n) _____ (animal), wave your _____ (body part) and yell "_____ (nonsense word)." If all else fails, _____ (verb). Sometimes danger wears a pretty face: Many people have bent over to smell the blossoms of the _____ (adjective) Ivy, only to discover instead that it's the _____ (adjective)-Bottomed Bloomer, which causes a very painful, _____ (color) rash on your _____ (body part).
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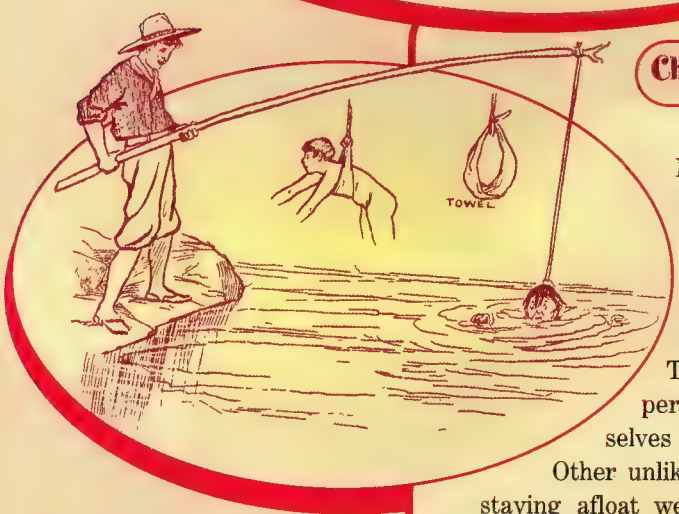
Back to the Beach

Real

Here's the high-tide lowdown on some fads from the history of hitting the beach.

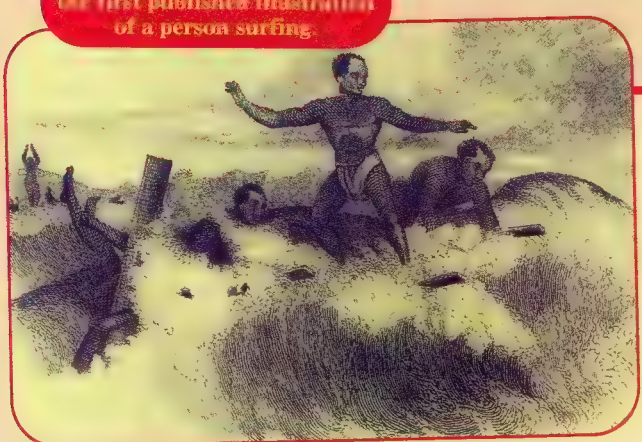


Chump In! The Water's Fine!

Swimming

In the late 1800s, as swimming became popular in Europe and the United States, many far-fetched contraptions were invented to help people learn to swim. Among these were *swimming plates (above, right)*—flat pieces of wood that strapped onto a swimmer's arms and legs. The *chump's raft* was a floating wooden frame that a person tethered themselves to and swam inside. Other unlikely aids in the art of staying afloat were the *rope-and-pole method (left)* and the *swimming propeller (right)*.

This drawing, from 1924, is the first published illustration of a person surfing.



He's doing the doggie pedal.

It's Wiliwili Fun

Surfing

Surfing has been a part of Hawaiian culture for more than a thousand years. Hawaiians had surfing contests, festivals, songs, and special chants to increase the size of waves. People of all ages surfed and swam, but only kings and chiefs could use the best spots and the buoyant wood of the wiliwili tree for surfboards.

In 1778, British navigator Captain James Cook first visited the islands and was astonished by the Hawaiians' death-defying wave riding. Few British sailors could even swim. In the early 1800s, missionaries from New England arrived and banned surfing, which they considered a waste of time. Thanks to famous Hawaiian surfers George Freeth and Duke Kahanamoku, the sport made a comeback in the early 20th century, first in Hawaii and then in California.

bathing machine

What Size Machine Do You Wear?

Swimwear

Today's beachgoers show a lot of skin. That wasn't always the case. European bathers in the 1700s were so dreadfully afraid of being seen in anything less than all their clothes that they used a huge contraption called a *bathing machine*. This was a horse-drawn enclosed carriage that pulled the ultra-modest swimmers right up to the water's edge. They could change into swimming clothes, plunge into the water, and then climb back in the carriage without being seen. Deluxe models had a bonus *modesty tunnel*, which covered even the spot where the swimmer bathed.

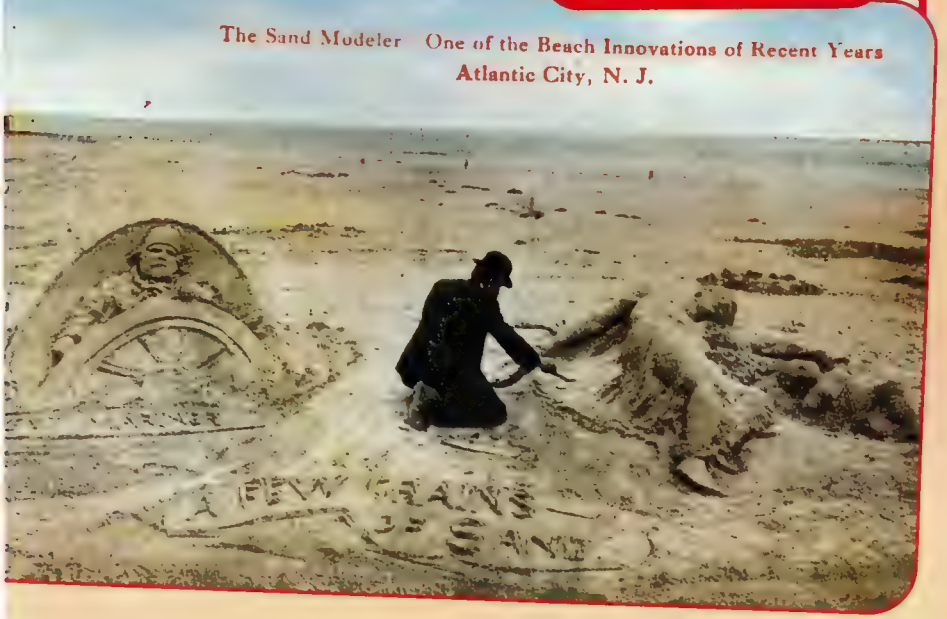
In the Pits

Sand Sculpting

In the late 1800s, James Taylor drew onlookers to the beaches of Atlantic City, New Jersey, with sand sculptures that depicted presidents, famous works of art, and the occasional elk. Even though he worked at the beach, Taylor usually wore a dark suit and hat.

Sand modeling (as it was then called) became a craze, and artists often mixed cement into the sand to help their creations last. The beaches of Atlantic City were soon dotted with many "studios"—pits that were dug to protect the sculptures. By the 1950s, sand sculpting had become a popular competitive sport.

An 1897 postcard shows James Taylor doing his gritty work.



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Real

What You'll Need

Always have an adult help you in the kitchen.

- 1 adult (to help)
- 1 12-ounce box vanilla wafer cookies
- 12 graham crackers
- 2 3.4-ounce packages vanilla instant pudding
- 1 quart milk (to make the pudding)
- Green food coloring
- 1 8-ounce container whipped dessert topping
- 1 new and thoroughly washed plastic shovel and beach pail (able to hold 2 quarts) or any 2-quart serving bowl

Preparing

1. Ask an adult to use a blender or food processor to crush the vanilla cookies until they are crumbs. If you don't have a blender or a food processor, put the cookies in a sturdy plastic bag, close it securely, and pound with a mallet or rolling pin. Put the crumbs in a bowl.

2. Do the same for the graham crackers. Pour these crumbs into the bowl with the vanilla cookie crumbs and mix together.
3. Prepare the pudding by following the directions on the package. Add 15 to 20 drops of food coloring and mix until the color is consistent.
4. Put the whipped topping in a separate mixing bowl and add 15 drops of food coloring. Mix until it is very light green.

Assembling

1. Spoon just enough pudding into the pail to cover the bottom.
2. Add a layer of the whipped topping (about an inch deep).
3. Spoon on a layer of crumbs (also about an inch deep) to cover the topping.
4. Spread a layer of pudding (another inch deep) on top of the crumbs.
5. Continue to alternate layers. Make the crumbs your top layer.
6. Refrigerate for at least 15 minutes. Then use the plastic shovel to spoon it out.

Preparation time: About 30 minutes

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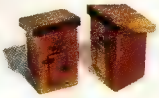
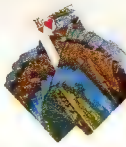




Lying Around

by Señor David Lewman

Even if you don't go on a big fancy vacation this summer, you can make people think you did. Get a lot of mileage out of these casual statements.

At the ocean, say "You should see the other side."

While watching TV, mention that they don't have this show in Tibet.

At the store, say "Can I borrow a quarter? I only have pesos."

Mail yourself a letter in an airmail envelope. When it arrives, exclaim "It's from my good friend Dmitri!"

Crawling through any playground tube, say "This reminds me of traveling through the Chunnel."

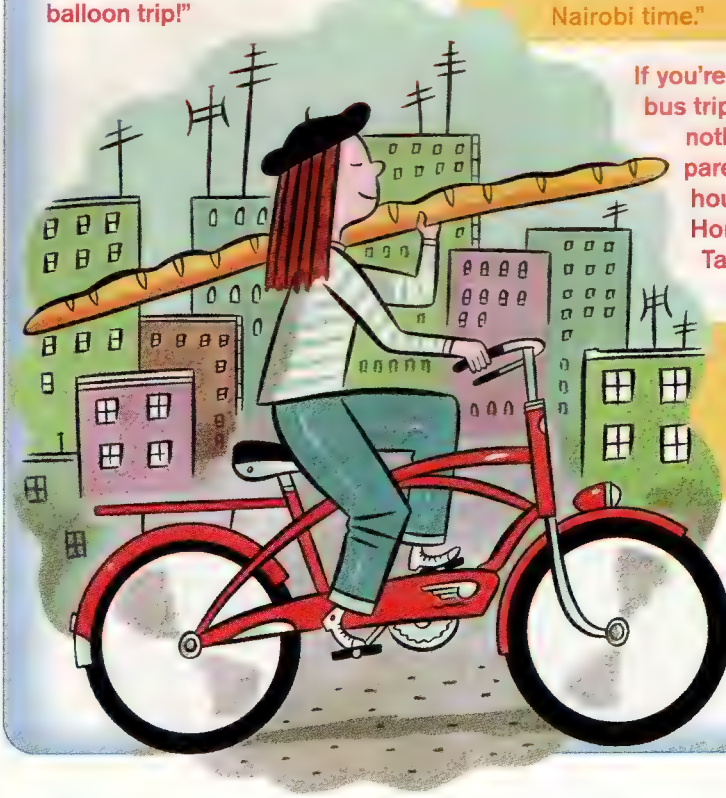
If you're having a good time, say "This is more exciting than my around-the-world balloon trip!"

Use the metric system: "This morning before breakfast I weighed almost 32 kilos."

While riding your bike, say "Boy, this is *so* different from riding a camel."

At fast-food restaurants, stare at your french fries and say "*French* fries—that sure brings back a lot of memories." (Also works with Swiss cheese, Russian dressing, Brussels sprouts, Turkish taffy, Mongolian barbecue, and any kind of Danish.)

If someone asks you what time it is, look at your watch and say "Sorry—I'm still on Nairobi time."



If you're on a long bus trip, say "This is nothing compared to the 17-hour flight to Hong Kong. Talk about boring!"

Wear a beret and carry a long loaf of bread.

Wear a beret and carry a long doggie biscuit.

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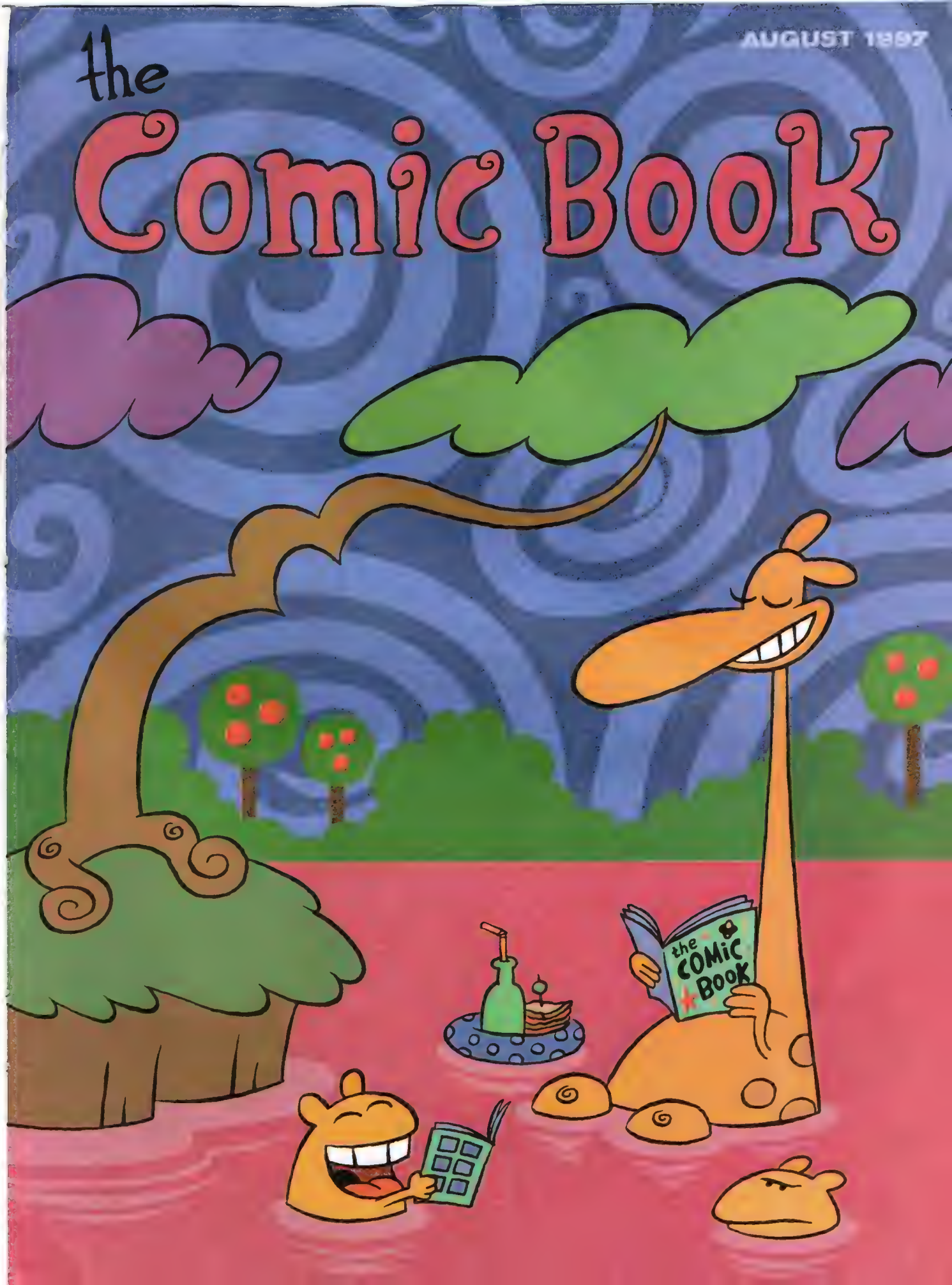

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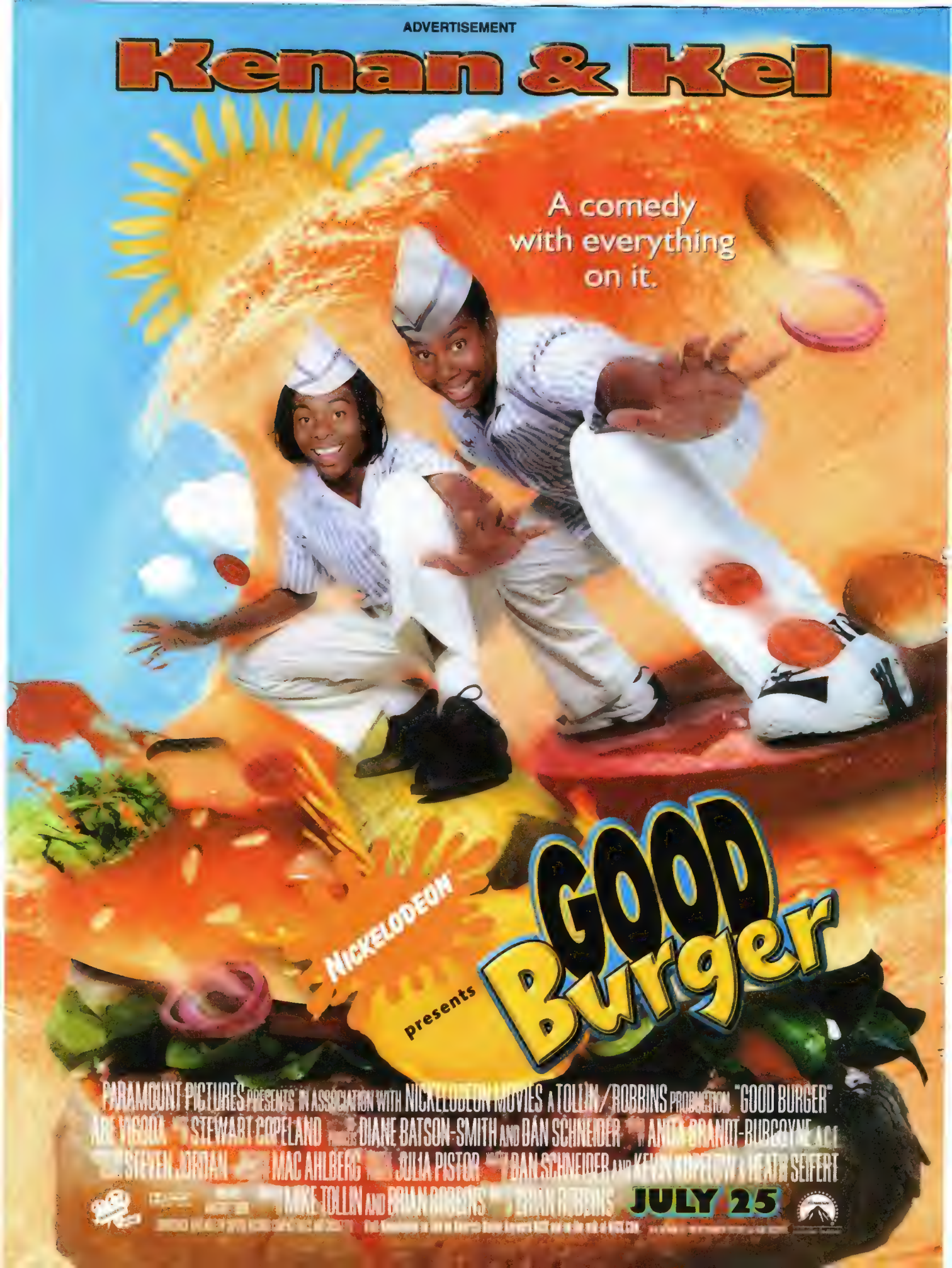
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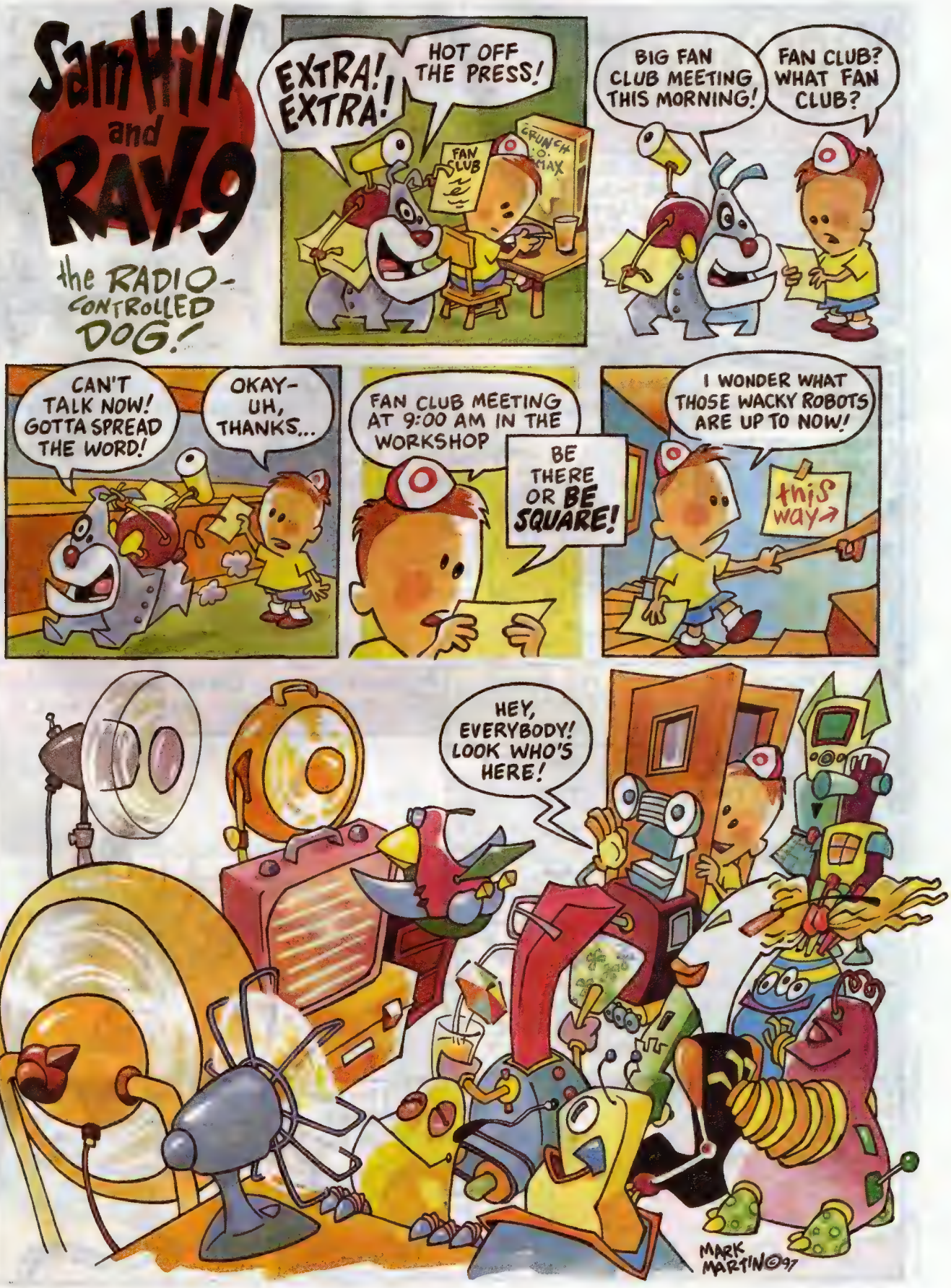
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FAN CLUB? WHAT FAN CLUB?
CAN'T TALK NOW! GOTTA SPREAD THE WORD!
OKAY- UH, THANKS...
FAN CLUB MEETING AT 9:00 AM IN THE WORKSHOP
BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!
I WONDER WHAT THOSE WACKY ROBOTS ARE UP TO NOW!
this way→
HEY, EVERYBODY! LOOK WHO'S HERE!
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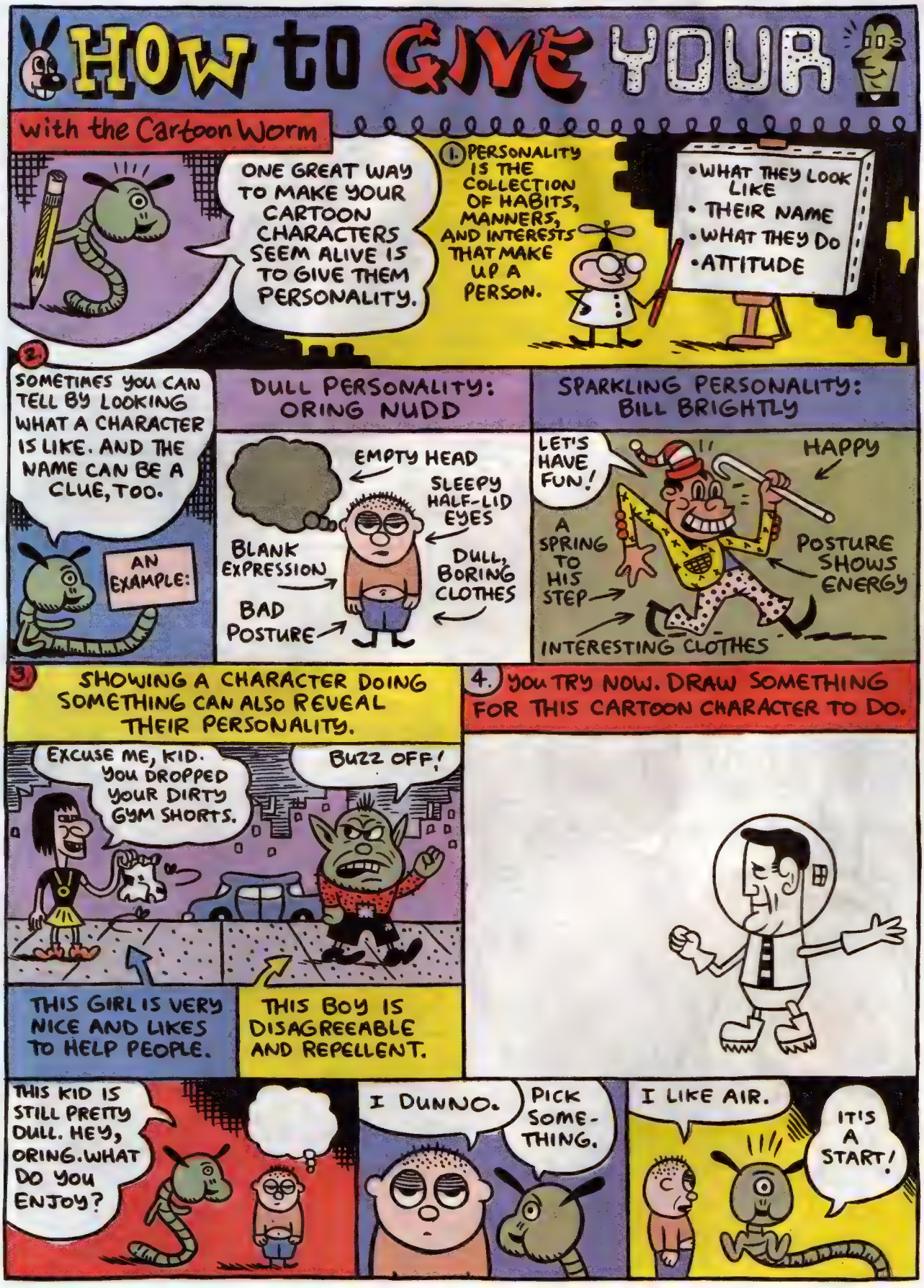
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ONE GREAT WAY TO MAKE YOUR CARTOON CHARACTERS SEEM ALIVE IS TO GIVE THEM PERSONALITY.
1. PERSONALITY IS THE COLLECTION OF HABITS, MANNERS, AND INTERESTS THAT MAKE UP A PERSON.
• WHAT THEY LOOK LIKE
• THEIR NAME
• WHAT THEY DO
• ATTITUDE
2
SOMETIMES YOU CAN TELL BY LOOKING WHAT A CHARACTER IS LIKE. AND THE NAME CAN BE A CLUE, TOO.
AN EXAMPLE:
DULL PERSONALITY: ORING NUDD
EMPTY HEAD
SLEEPY HALF-LID EYES
BLANK EXPRESSION
DULL, BORING CLOTHES
BAD POSTURE
SPARKLING PERSONALITY: BILL BRIGHTLY
LET'S HAVE FUN!
HAPPY
A SPRING TO HIS STEP
POSTURE SHOWS ENERGY
INTERESTING CLOTHES
3
SHOWING A CHARACTER DOING SOMETHING CAN ALSO REVEAL THEIR PERSONALITY.
EXCUSE ME, KID. YOU DROPPED YOUR DIRTY GYM SHORTS.
BUZZ OFF!
THIS GIRL IS VERY NICE AND LIKES TO HELP PEOPLE.
THIS BOY IS DISAGREEABLE AND REPELLENT.
4. YOU TRY NOW. DRAW SOMETHING FOR THIS CARTOON CHARACTER TO DO.
THIS KID IS STILL PRETTY DULL. HEY, ORING. WHAT DO YOU ENJOY?
I DUNNO.
PICK SOMETHING.
I LIKE AIR.
IT'S A START!

CHARACTERS' PERSONALITY

PART 1

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5. SOME CHARACTERS' ATTITUDES AREN'T SO PLEASANT. LIKE THIS KID...

SMELLY

I NEVER BATHE, I DON'T FLUSH, AND I SPIT AT BIRDS!

TOO LOUD

MEAN

NUTS TO YOU!

6. LET'S TRY DRAWING TWO DIFFERENT CARTOON CHARACTERS. ONE NICE AND ONE NOT-SO-NICE ATTITUDE.

I'LL SEE YOU LATER. I'M GOING TO COLLECT AS MUCH AIR AS I CAN.

GOOD ATTITUDE, NEAT, SMART, AND HAPPY...

NAME:

BAD ATTITUDE, SLOPPY, ANGRY, AND MEAN...

NAME:

7. SOME CHARACTERS HAVE A LOT OF PERSONALITY!

MY NAME IS KATHY KABOOTLE AND I PAINT, PADDLE BALL, PLAY THE PIANO, WRITE POEMS, SING AND DANCE, AND ON AND ON!

HYPER

TALKS TOO MUCH

8. HOW WOULD KATHY REACT TO HAVING TO SIT STILL FOR A MINUTE? DRAW IT AS A CARTOON:

ONCE YOU HAVE A PERSONALITY FOR YOUR CHARACTERS, IT'S EASY TO WRITE A STORY FOR THEM.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE DULL KID WHO LIKED TO COLLECT AIR?

HE'S UP THERE.

UP, UP, AND AWAY!

WELL, I GUESS HE HAD AN INTERESTING PERSONALITY AFTER ALL!

WE'LL HAVE MORE IN PART TWO.

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Desert islands (and people stranded on them) are a favorite subject for cartoonists. Some comic book artists painted a few all on us.

"You know, Mike, if it hadn't been for you, I would've cracked up by now!"

"HEY, IT JUST OCCURRED TO ME-- WE COULD GO SWIMMING!"

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"Where do you go all day?"

SOUTHERN FRIED FUGITIVES

A WING, A BREAST, A THIGH, AND A DRUMSTICK ON THE RUN IN A WORLD THAT HUNGERS FOR THEIR FLESH!

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YES, I INTEND TO KEEP THESE ANIMALS ON MY ESTATE UNTIL PROPER HOMES CAN BE FOUND FOR THEM.

AND YOU BOYS WOULD BE SMART TO COME, TOO. DON'T WORRY, YOU'LL BE WELL CARED FOR.
NO THANKS! WE'RE FREE NOW AND WE INTEND TO STAY THAT WAY!
WELL, IF YOU EVER NEED ME, HERE'S WHERE YOU CAN REACH ME.
WWW. CARLOTTA
CARLOTTA WRITES HER E-MAIL ADDRESS ON BOOM BOOM'S HAND!

LET'S BLOW! C'MON, WING NUT!
OH, WEENG NUT, WOULD EET BE POSSIBLE TO MEET THESE THREE?
UH, I GUESS SO.
SAY, GUYS, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET MR. AND MRS. ESCARGOT.
WE'RE GOING TO FRANCE!
THEY'RE GOING TO TEACH ME TO MINGLE WITH HIGH SOCIETY!
????
OF COURSE YOU WEELL NEED A STAFF OF SERVANTS. PERHAPS YOUR THREE FRIENDS, YES?
AND SO...
YOU WANT US TO BE YOUR SERVANTS?
NO WAY BATTER BRAIN!
HEY! THAT WAY WE COULD AT LEAST KEEP AN EYE ON HIM.
YEAH.
HMM... I DON'T LIKE IT. BUT OKAY, WE'LL DO IT!
LATER, ON A PARIS-BOUND CONCORDE JET...
HEY! THIS IS THE LIFE!
AH, MR. WEENG NUT, WE ARE MOST ANXIOUS TO SERVE YOU. HEH, HEH.
MEANWHILE, IN THE JET'S CARGO HOLD!
I'VE HEARD OF TOURIST CLASS, BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS!
THIS SIDE UP
YEAH, THERE'S SOMETHING KIND OF FISHY ABOUT THIS DEAL!
FISHY IS RIGHT! IN FACT, IT ABSOLUTELY STINKS! THE BOYS MAY BE FLYING HIGH RIGHT NOW, BUT ACTUALLY, THEY'RE IN WAY OVER THEIR HEADS!
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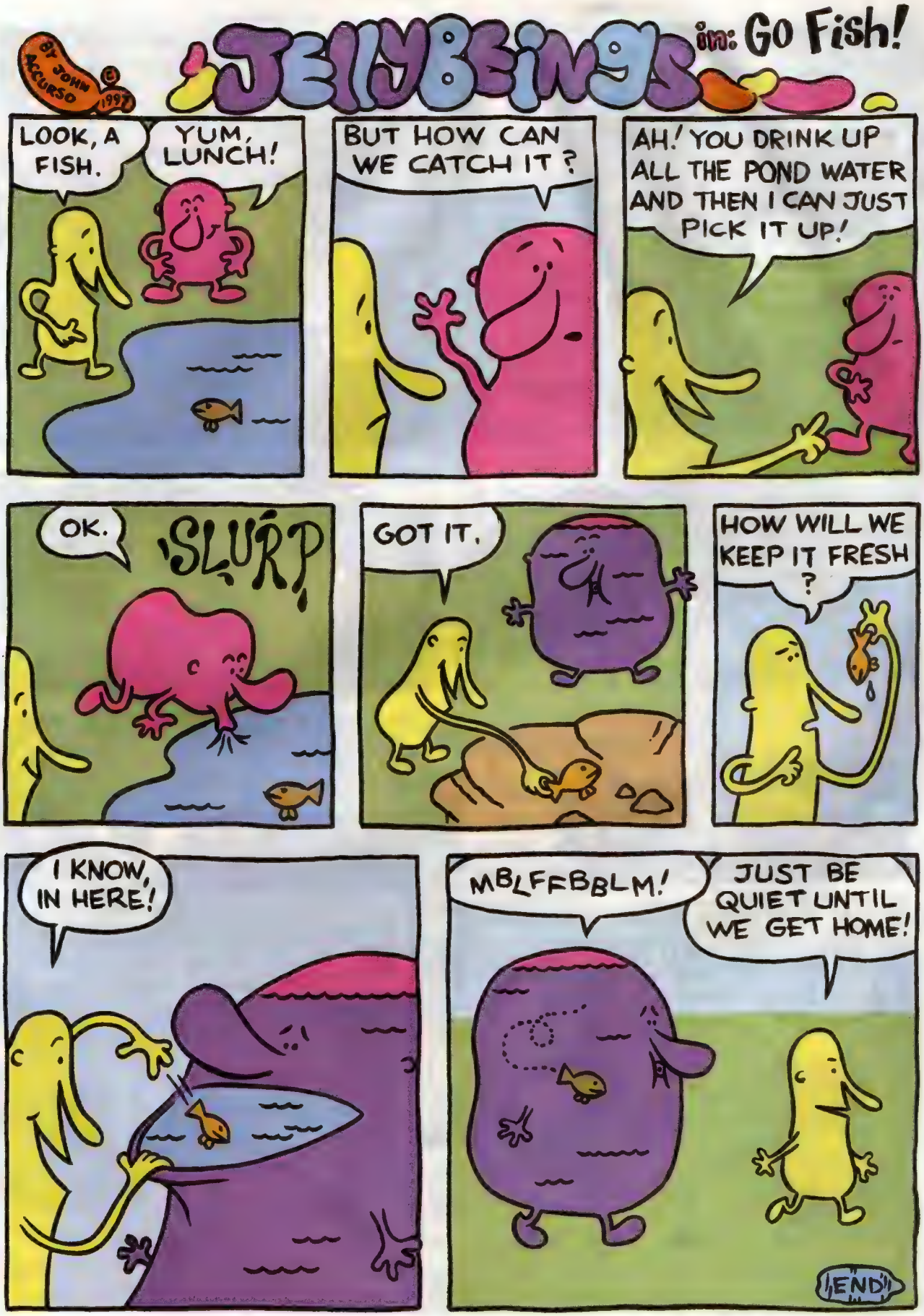
BY JOHN ACCURSO © 1997
JELLYBEINGS in: Go Fish!
LOOK, A FISH.
YUM, LUNCH!
BUT HOW CAN WE CATCH IT?
AH! YOU DRINK UP ALL THE POND WATER AND THEN I CAN JUST PICK IT UP!
OK.
SLURP
GOT IT.
HOW WILL WE KEEP IT FRESH?
I KNOW, IN HERE!
MBLFFBBLM!
JUST BE QUIET UNTIL WE GET HOME!
THE END

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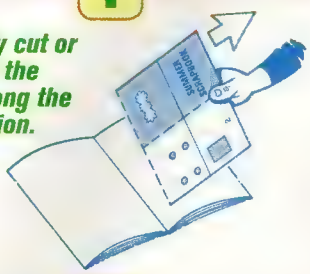

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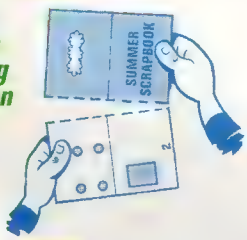

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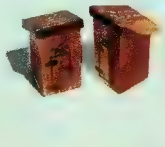


I'd Like a Wedgie

by Carmen Morais

People in various parts of the U.S. have their own ways of saying things. Here's a list of useful words and where they're sometimes heard. Use them when you travel to sound like a local wherever you go.

Real

Submarine Sandwich

- Grinder: Massachusetts and Connecticut
- Hero: New York
- Hoagie: Philadelphia
- Po' boy: New Orleans
- Wedgie: Rhode Island

Heavy Rain

- Dam buster: Alabama
- Goose drownder: Pennsylvania
- Hay rotter: Virginia
- Leak finder: Wisconsin
- Mud sender: California
- Sewer clogger: Michigan
- Stump washer: South Carolina

Belly Flop

- Belly buster: Arizona, Louisiana, Nevada, Oklahoma, Texas, and Utah
- Belly smacker: Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and parts of New York
- Belly thumper: Maine

Carbonated Soft Drink

- Cold drink: Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Tennessee
- Pop: Midwest
- Soda: Connecticut, New Jersey, and New York
- Tonic: Massachusetts and New Hampshire

Going the Distance

Some people travel every day—it's part of their jobs. **CARMEN MORAIS** *went to great lengths to talk to people who go great lengths.*

★ Something Special in the Air ★

Frequent Flyer: Captain Strasberg's penthouse office.

CAPTAIN ROGER STRASBERG is a pilot for American Airlines. He's been flying planes for 34 years.

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: What's your favorite part of the country to fly over?

Roger Strasberg: The Grand Canyon and the Painted Desert. The Grand Canyon looks massive, even from up there. And the reddish-brown colors of the Painted Desert are beautiful.

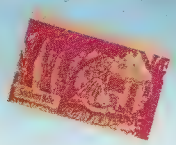
What's your *least* favorite part to fly over?
The route between Dallas and Miami. Half of it is over the Gulf of Mexico. It's just sky above and water below—it's boring.

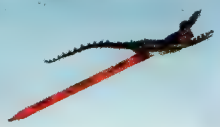
How do you pass the time in the cockpit? Do you sing or chat or anything like that?
On long flights, we eat, we talk, we look out the window. But we're always working. We always have things to do. For example, if there's a line of thunderstorms up ahead, we have to figure out a route around them.

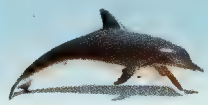
Do you have a radio in there—like a car radio?
We have a low-frequency navigation radio that can pick up AM stations, so sometimes we'll listen to that.

Do you talk to the pilots of other planes?
Yes. If we're heading south and we pass a plane coming north, we'll ask how the weather was.

What do all those *dings* during the flight mean?
They're signals from the pilots to the flight attendants.







Two dings mean pick up the phone. Three dings mean come to the cockpit. We also have dings before and after what we call the sterile period.

What's a sterile period?
There are two sterile periods—one just after takeoff and one just before landing. That's when the pilots are really busy. The first one lasts until we reach 10,000 feet. And the second sterile period starts when the plane gets back down to 10,000 feet.

What do you do when you have to go to the bathroom?
I do just like the passengers. I go back and use it.

Do you hand over the controls when you go?
No. The plane flies on autopilot, so the other pilot will just keep an eye on it.

Do you have autopilot on the whole time?
No, it's not for takeoffs and landings. But otherwise, it's on for most of the flight.

Do pilots get special food?
No, we eat the same food as the passengers.

Chicken or beef?
Chicken.

★ Life on the Mississippi ★

Blowing Off Steam: Buddy's big boat.

CAPTAIN BUDDY MUIRHEAD has been sailing the Mississippi River for 52 years. He is the master of the *Mississippi Queen*, one of six paddle-wheel steamboats that run the river.

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: What's the Mississippi River like?
Buddy Muirhead: In the upper part, there are lots of dams and locks, and the water is clear, and the towns are right on the riverbanks. On the lower part, the towns are hidden behind levees [raised banks] that protect towns from flooding. There, the river is wild, fast, and very muddy.

What happens during a storm?
We don't actually get big waves. We just have to ride it out.

What's the worst storm you've been through on a riverboat?
A few years ago, we were fueling up in St. Louis and I was outside on the deck. All of a sudden the wind became so strong it picked my feet up. I grabbed onto the handrail, and then I ran right inside the cabin.

What kind of storm was that?
A tornado, I think. The wind speed was over 75 miles per hour. Luckily these big boats don't rock. I remember the passengers were in the Grand Saloon at the time, watching a show. They didn't even notice!

Why did you become a riverboat captain?
My father and my grandfather and some of my uncles were all river men. I tried it as a teenager, but I was into motorcycles then and boats were too slow for me. But I got interested when I went into the Navy. By now I've got river water in my veins.

Have you ever run aground?
Oh yes. Any pilot on the Mississippi who says no is a liar. The river rises and falls all the time, sandbars are created, buoys are missing, and you end up steering into shallow water. It doesn't hurt the boat—the only thing it hurts is your pride.

Do you wear a captain's hat?
On occasion I do. It's navy blue, and it's got all the scrambled eggs on it—that's military slang for the gold braid on the brim.

★ Rollin', Rollin', Rollin' ★

Buddies: Gary and Shirley

GARY and SHIRLEY HUFF are a husband-and-wife truck-driving team. They've been hauling computers across the country for more than 13 years.

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: How often do you drive across the country?
Shirley Huff: Pretty much once a week, sometimes twice.

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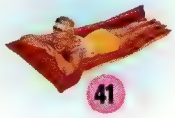

Do you play any car games to help pass the time?
Gary Huff: No. If I'm driving, I listen to the stereo or to the CB [citizens band] radio. Other truckers always report the traffic and weather on there, so I know what's coming up.

What's your CB handle [nickname]?
Shirley: Mine is Sweet Thing. Gary's is Number One Son. His father named us.

What's the longest you've gone without going to the bathroom?
Shirley: Maybe about five hours. But we have a bathroom right in the truck, so I don't usually have to wait too long.

You have a toilet?
Shirley: Yup, and a shower stall, too. And I've got the washer and dryer going as we speak.

What else do you have in there?
Shirley: A full-size fridge, a microwave, a big sink, and two beds that strap to the ceiling when they're not in use. There's also a phone, a stereo, a laptop computer, a scanner and printer, and a TV and VCR.
Gary: We also have a treadmill. I try to use it once a week.

Wow! How big is your truck?
Shirley: The bunk area is 11 feet long and more than 8 feet wide. The tractor itself is more than 30 feet long.

Where do you pull over to sleep?
Shirley: We usually don't. One sleeps while the other drives.

How much time do you spend on the road?
Shirley: We were out on the road for 47 weeks and drove 180,000 miles last year.

What's your least favorite part of the country?
Gary: The East Coast. Many truck drivers call it "the dirty side," because there's lots of traffic, and in the cities the drivers are rude.

Which is the most interesting state?
Gary: Arizona, especially from Flagstaff to Phoenix. Flagstaff is full of big pine trees. And just 146 miles south, in Phoenix, there's desert all around.

Which state seems to go on forever?
Shirley: Oh, Texas, definitely! It takes *forever* to cross—three whole days.

What's hanging from your rearview mirror?
Shirley: We don't have a rearview mirror in the cab. But we have mirrors outside on the doors—and those have lots of dead bugs hanging off them. ❑

THIS QUIZ IS RIGGED!

Truckers use citizens band radios (CBs) to communicate with one another on the road. They even have their own special language. Can you match the CB lingo with its meaning? We did the first one for you.
Answers on page 62.

CB TALK		REGULAR TALK
1 B	Alligator	A Tailgater
2 ____	Window washer	B Big piece of tire in the road
3 ____	Thermos bottle	C Low overpass
4 ____	Catch you on the flip-flop	D Tanker truck
5 ____	Cash register	E Tollbooth
6 ____	Roller skate	F Moving van
7 ____	Going horizontal	G See you on the return trip
8 ____	Bedbugger	H Going to sleep
9 ____	Barbershop	I Very small car
10 ____	Bumper sticker	J Rainstorm
11 ____	Dragon wagon	K Tow truck
12 ____	Feed the bears	L Get a ticket

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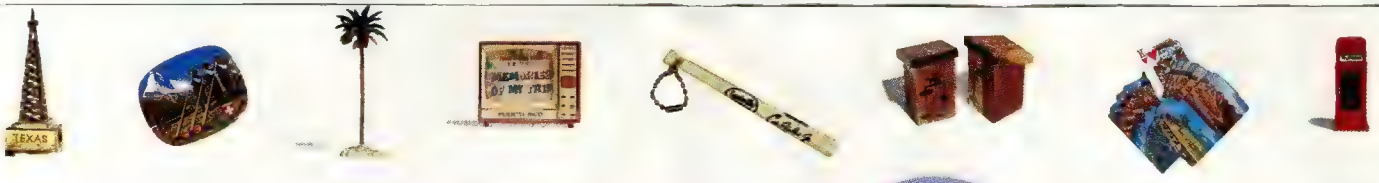

Around the World in 50 States

You can see some international landmarks without leaving the United States.

by Stacey Bowers

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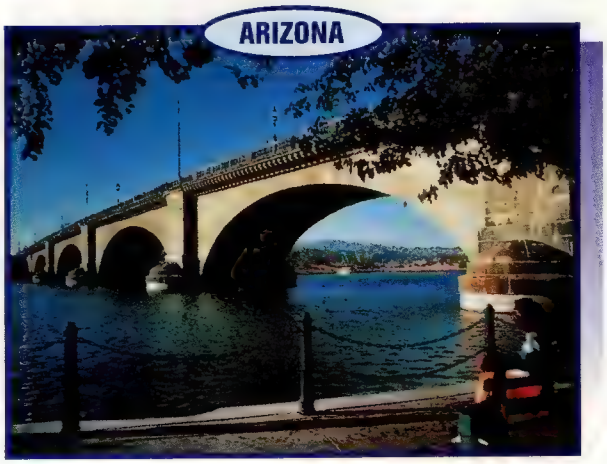
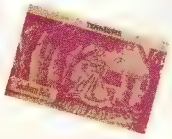
Where in the Sam Hill is Stonehenge?

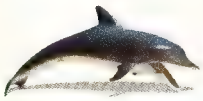
On one of his 11 trips around the world, Sam Hill visited Stonehenge, a curious circle of enormous stones in Salisbury Plain, England. The stones, which align with the sun and the moon to act as a kind of calendar, were positioned as early as 2100 BC. Sam Hill decided to build a full-size concrete replica as a World War I memorial in his hometown of Maryhill, Washington. Construction started in 1918 and was not finished until 1929. Many local people believed Sam Hill was crazy to recreate Stonehenge—which is said to be where the phrase "What in the Sam Hill?" came from.

London Bridge Was Built Back Up

The first London Bridge was constructed over the Thames River around AD 963 and was rebuilt a number of times after that. By the early 1960s, too much car traffic began to make the bridge fall down. The British government sold the bridge to Robert McCulloch, the founder of Arizona's Lake Havasu City, for $2,460,000. London Bridge was dismantled and shipped to Lake Havasu, and since 1971, it has spanned a (non-English) channel of a man-made lake.

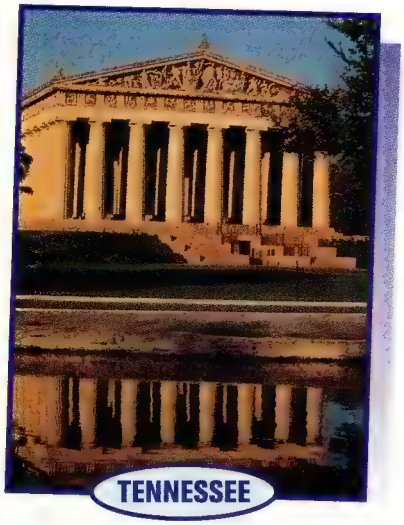






Stone Temple Knockoff

Throughout the history of Nashville, Tennessee, city leaders have tried to uphold the classical Greek ideals of education, art, and community participation. Because of this, it has sometimes been called the "Athens of the South." In 1897, the city built a replica of the Parthenon, an ancient temple in Athens, Greece. The Nashville Parthenon is the world's only full-size replica. It houses a statue of Athena, the Greek goddess of wisdom.

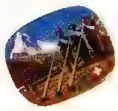


A Little Pisa Italy in Illinois

The Niles, Illinois, Leaning Tower (which doesn't lean very much) was built by Robert Ilg in 1932, to conceal an ugly water tank. The tower is 96 feet tall, exactly half the size of the original in Pisa, Italy. The Niles tower was dedicated to Galileo, the 16th century astronomer who, legend has it, proved an early theory of gravity by dropping things off the Leaning Tower of Pisa. In 1991, Niles and Pisa were officially declared "sister cities."

Pagoda Pennsylvania to See Japan

The Pagoda in Reading, Pennsylvania, was built in 1908 on the site of an old rock quarry. Its design was inspired by Japan's Nagoya Castle (which was bombed during World War II). Before radios were common, a series of flashing lights on the Pagoda informed the Reading citizens of early election results. Today, the Pagoda houses an art gallery, gift shops, and a meeting center.



FASTEN YOUR SEAT BELTS

Next time you're on a long car trip, take a look at this list. If you can check more than five items, your car may be ready to really take off.

Your car is a plane if:

- ◯ You're cramped and have no leg room.
- ◯ You have to wait an hour to use the bathroom.
- ◯ It's either too hot or too cold.
- ◯ The screaming baby has been seated near you.
- ◯ One person is talking and everyone else can hear it, like it or not.
- ◯ Your food comes wrapped and in little boxes.
- ◯ There's an unusual smell.
- ◯ The person sitting next to you has no sense of personal space.
- ◯ The pilot keeps describing what you're passing and won't stop talking.
- ◯ There's a good chance you'll lose your lunch.
- ◯ You store personal belongings under the seat in front of you and then forget about them.
- ◯ You hear unidentifiable mechanical sounds from the engine.
- ◯ After a while, all the scenery looks the same.
- ◯ Someone has a serious altitude problem.

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Use the next page to fool your driver and fellow passengers.

1. Carefully tear out the page along the perforation.

2. Fold at the arrows, so that "Official Car-Trip Procedures" is on top.

3. Stow the brochure in your glove compartment or put it on the dashboard before you hit the road.

4. Review the procedures with everyone in the car.

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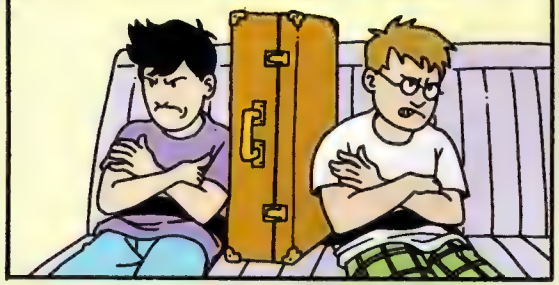
In case of backseat fighting, follow standard separation procedure.



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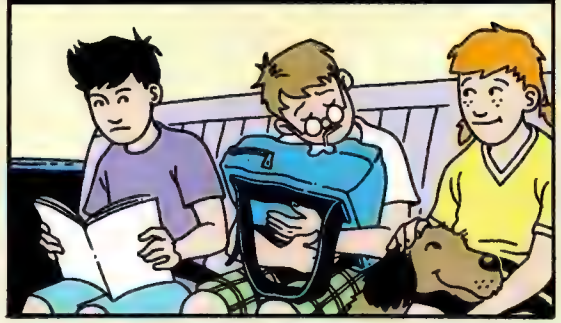

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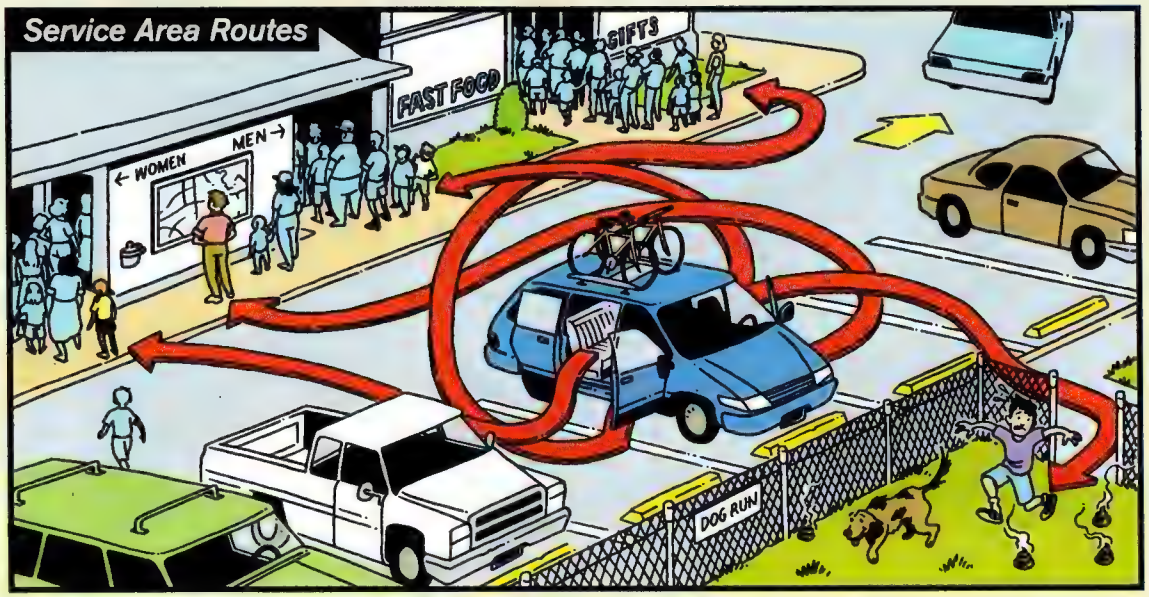

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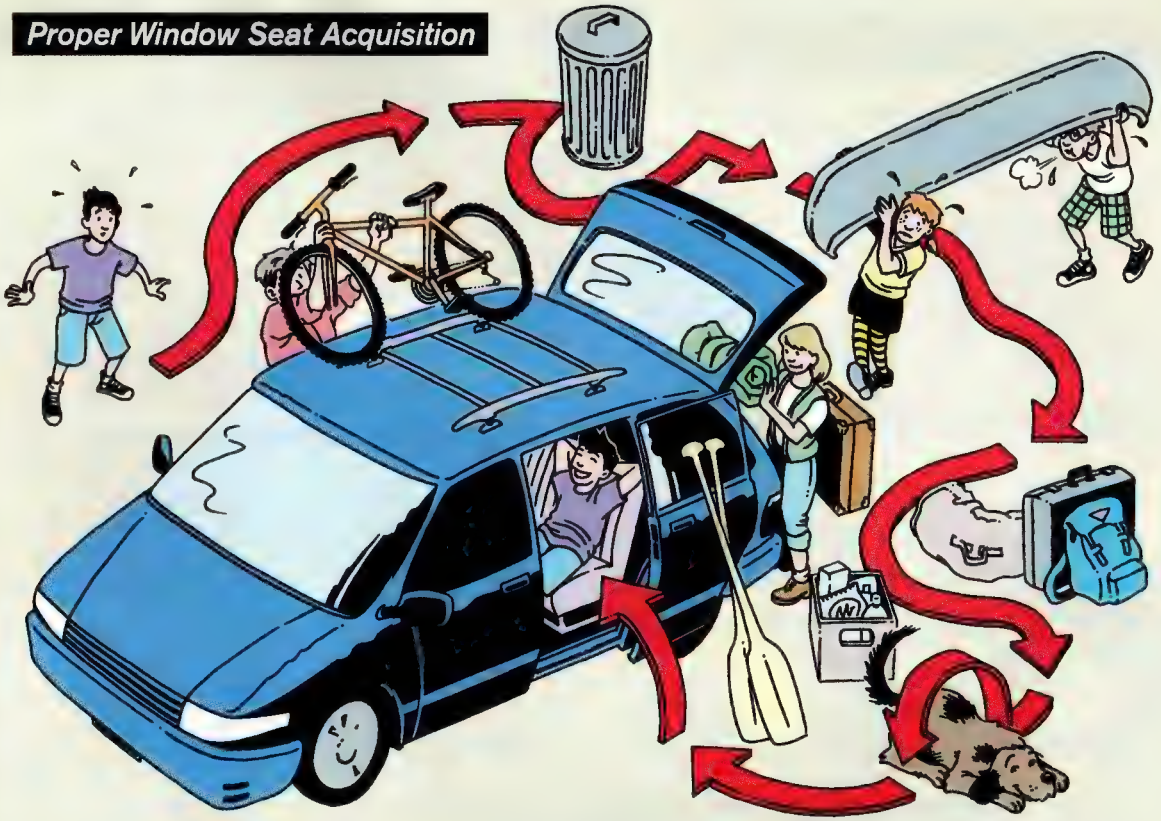

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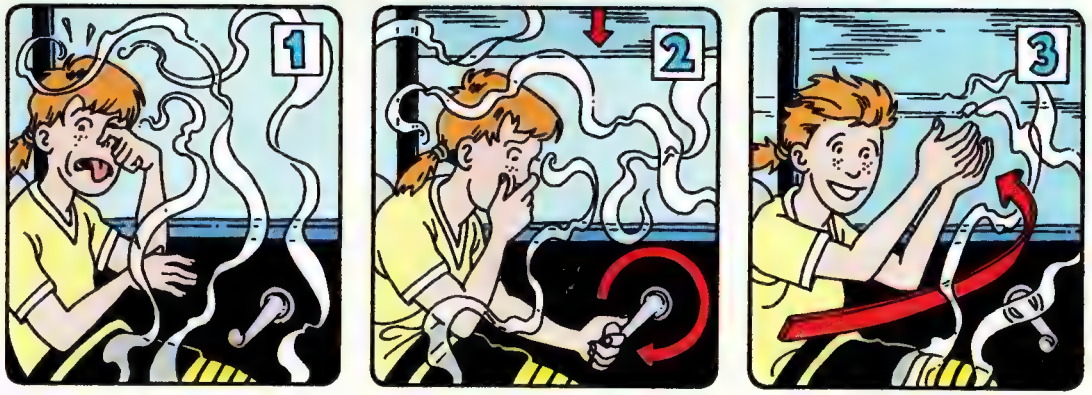

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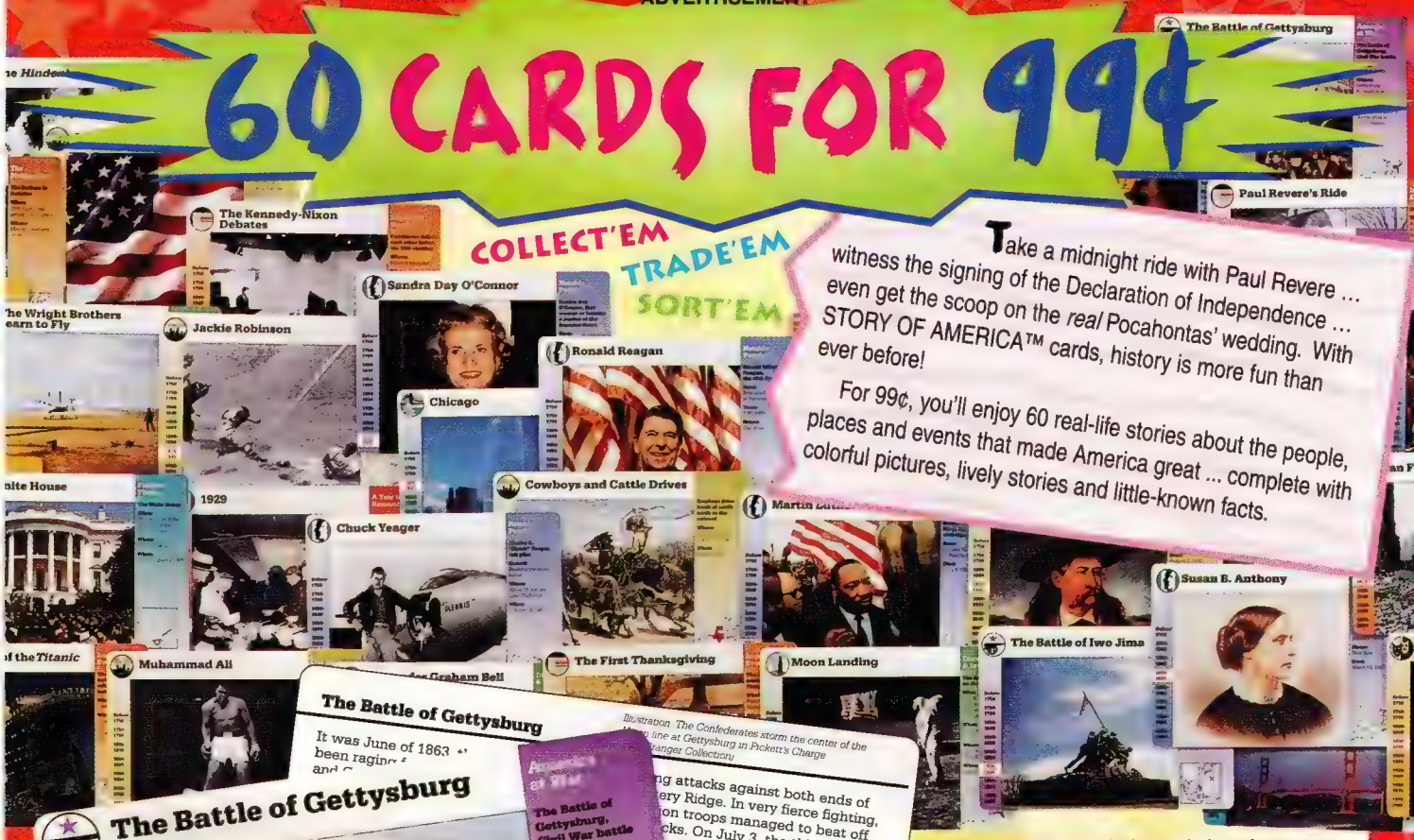

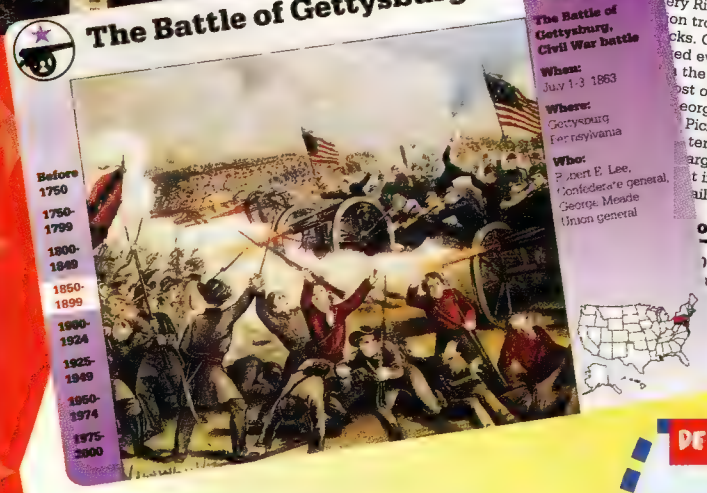

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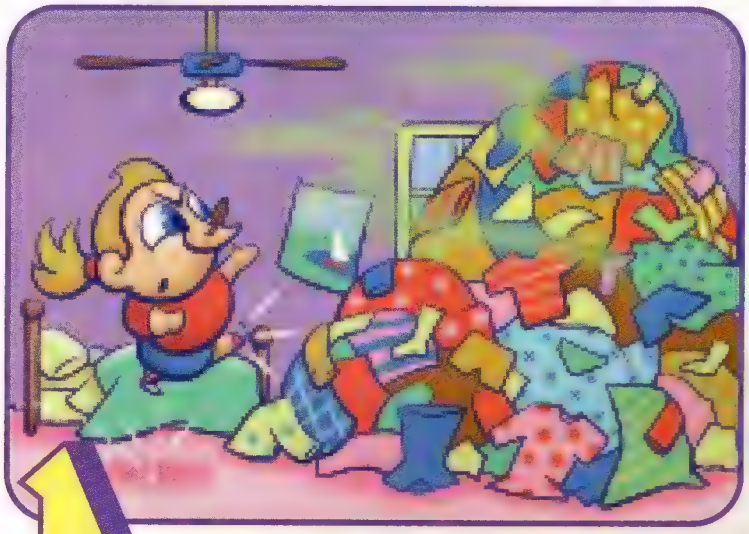

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Bonus Tip:

In the Realm of the Bathroom, pocket the Power Comb. You will need it to fend off Dandruffoids and to morph your hair in later levels.

Level 2: The Escape

As you race through the Den of Doom, dodge the Chores List. If your Orb of Invisibility falters, crawl behind the Seven-Piece Sectional Sofa. Sneak out the front door and remember to take the Backpack of Bounty. For extra points, load it with Snacks of Sweetness.

Bonus Tip:

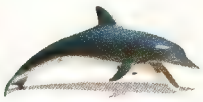
The answer to the Groaning Grown-Up's riddle "Where do you think you're going?" is "To the library."

Level 3: The Adventures

Begin Level 3 with the Trip Around the Block. You can walk, but it's recommended that you ride your Power Bike past the Nasty Neighbors and their Demon Dogs. Next, try to survive the Murky Pool of Public Swimming, with its Deadly Chlorine Spirits and Teenage Lifeguards. When you leave the Murky Pool, be sure to morph your hair. Then tackle the Mall of Mauling, where packs of Bigger Kids roam. **Remember:** A single cookie at the Food Court Kingdom can empty your Bag of Coins.

Bonus Tip:

Before the Teenage Lifeguards blow their Brain-Destroying Whistles, switch your Power Nose Plugs to your ears.



Level 4: The Shadows Gather

A Great Darkness spreads across the land, and you are called in for Supper. Use your Power Napkin to morph your mouth. Search the Cabinets of Clutter for a Dessert Item. After Supper, you must win the Battle for the Remote, so you can consult the Box of Noisy Visions.

Bonus Tip:

Find the Photon Flashlight in the Drawer of Random Junk. You'll need it in Level 5.

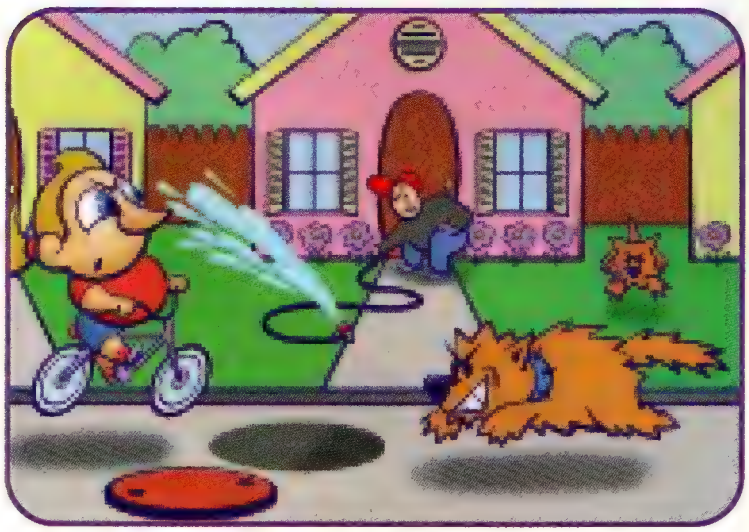
Level 5: The Final Showdown

As your energy level sinks, the Groaning Grown-Ups will try to return you to the mind-numbing depths of Sleepyland. Put on your 850i-PJs, but keep searching for Secret Places to Hide. If you find yourself confined in Sleepyland and Grouchy Ninja Kicking won't free you, earn extra points for every minute you read under the covers with the Photon Flashlight.

Earn extra points by feeding the Hungry Canine Reporter.

Bonus Tip:

When the Groaning Grown-Ups surround you, press all the control buttons at once to release the Time-Buying SuperWhine.



The Next Level Contest

Here's how:

1. Think of another level to Time Killerz 24. The level can take place at night, the next day, or even in another dimension. It's up to you.
2. Give your level a title and tell us what would happen. Write it down, draw it, or both.
3. Send your entry by **August 26, 1997**, to:

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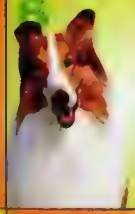
AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 *Dog Day* Detail #1:* The Labrador Retriever is currently the most popular breed of dog in the U.S.	**2** Wes Craven, director, born, 1939 **Just Scream.**
3 Martha Stewart, lifestyle expert, born, 1941 **First day of Martha Stewart's living.**	**4** Psychic Week begins **We predicted it.**	**5** Patrick Ewing, NBA player, born, 1962 **Be the center of attention.**	 *Dog Day Detail #2:* The first Lassie's real name was Pal.	**7** David Duchovny, actor, born, 1960 **X the date on this calendar.**	**8** It's 8/8. **Don't *eight* this day.**	**9** Book Lovers Day **What a novel idea.**
10 *Dog Day Detail #3:* Dogs cool down by panting.	**11** Hulk Hogan, wrestler, born, 1953 **It was Baby-Mania.**	**12** *Dog Day Detail #4:* Hairless dogs need to wear sunscreen outdoors.	**13** *Bambi* opens, 1942 **It brought in a lot of *doe*.**	**14** Julia Child, chef, born, 1912 **She was just a Child.**	**15** *Dog Day Detail #5:* The Basenji cannot bark.	**16** Otto Messmer, creator of Felix the Cat, born, 1892 **He was a *Messmer*-izing baby.**
17 Robert De Niro, actor, born, 1943 **He was a Goodlittlefella.**	**18** Bad Poetry Day *Roses are red, violets are blue. This is the day to celebrate the worst verse.*	**19** Willie Shoemaker, jockey, born, 1931 **Get on your high horse.**	**20** Al Roker, weathercaster, born, 1954 **A baby front was moving in.**	**21** Venetian blinds patented, 1841 **It was a shady business.**	**22** Be An Angel Day **Today is heaven-sent.**	**23** *Dog Day Detail #6:* A dog's sense of smell is about a million times keener than a human's.
24 Waffle iron patented, 1869 **No waffling on the issues.**	**25** Gene Simmons, member of KISS, born, 1949 **Rock-a-bye all night and *potty* every day.**	**26** *Dog Day Detail #7:* All dogs know how to swim.	**27** *Mary Poppins* premieres, 1964 **Super*calendar*istic-expialidocious.**	**28** Jason Priestley, actor, born, 1969 **He was a *Brandon* new baby.**	**29** The Beatles' last live concert, 1966 **It was the end of a long and winding road.**	**30** Mary Shelley, author of *Frankenstein*, born, 1797 **Her parents created someone who created a monster.**
31 *Dog Day Detail #8:* Some Dalmatians have brown spots.						

*The hottest days of summer are called the dog days because during this time of year, Sirius (the Dog Star) rises and sets at about the same time as the sun.

Narwhals

Gnarly Whales

Researched by Ruth Lindy

Real

Also known as

Unicorn whales, sea unicorns, *Monodon monoceros* (*monodon* means one tooth; *monoceros* means one horn).

Where they live

These mammals often stay in groups of six to ten and live in the cold, deep waters of the northern Arctic Ocean, migrating as the ice melts and freezes.

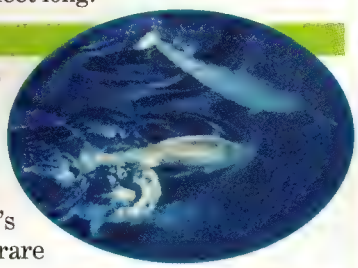
What they look like

Narwhals change color, from a dark blue-gray as calves to a splotchy gray and white as adults. They can weigh up to two tons and have tiny mouths, two small flippers, and bumps along their backs. The males have tusks.

How big are they?

The adult females are about 13 feet long; and the males are about 16 feet long (about the length of a van), not including the length of their spiral tusks, which can grow to be eight or nine feet long.

Tusk, tusk



The tusk is actually a tooth that grows through the male's upper lip. All narwhals have two upper teeth—the male's left tooth becomes the tusk, and the right one most often stays embedded in the gums. Usually, both of the female's teeth remain in the gums, but she can, on rare occasions, grow a tusk.

What's the point of the tusk?

Scientists aren't completely sure. Some believe the males use them for fighting one another and attracting females. Many males have scars on their heads or broken tusks from fighting. The tusks can also be used to break through ice that forms on the surface of the water.

They weren't telling the tooth

In the past, narwhal tusks were sold as unicorn horns, which were believed to hold special powers. The tusks were worth their weight in gold in the Middle Ages. Tusks were also ground up and sold as an antidote for poison.

What narwhals have to say for themselves

Narwhals tend to be very talkative—they click, growl, whistle, and squeal. Mothers communicate with their calves by making low, soft tones.

Neat party trick

Males are known to "stand" with their tusk, head, and upper body out of the water. Scientists aren't sure why they do this.

Don't confuse:

REVOLTING BUT TRUE FACTS

by Ruth Lindy

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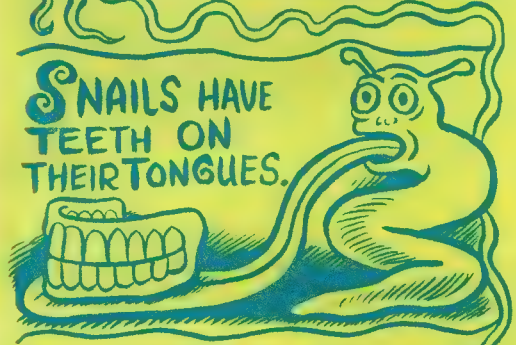

SNAILS HAVE TEETH ON THEIR TONGUES.

POND SCUM IS PARTIALLY MADE OF FROGS' EGGS ENCLOSED IN JELLY.

THERE IS A SINGLE FUNGUS IN WASHINGTON STATE THAT COVERS TWO AND A HALF SQUARE MILES.

CLAMS HAVE NO HEADS.

DOUGAN

On the Beat

The Beach Boys

A summer without the music of the Beach Boys would be like a summer without sunshine. How well do you know the lyrics to their golden oldies? Take this test, check the answers on page 62, and then hit the beach.

THE BEACH BOYS: What're they dune?

1 **And she'll have fun, fun, fun, 'til her daddy _____.**
a) takes the T-Bird away
b) puts on his blue beret
c) puts 10 hot dogs away

2 **Ev'rybody's gone surfin', _____.**
a) so I guess we don't have to
b) but we don't have access to the Internet
c) surfin' U.S.A.

3 **You gotta catch a wave and _____.**
a) feed a fever
b) then quickly throw it to first base
c) you're sittin' on top of the world

4 **She's my little Deuce Coupe, _____.**
a) you don't know what I got
b) but she's grown three inches in the last year
c) however, I have no idea what a Deuce Coupe is

5 **I wish they all could be _____.**
a) California raisins
b) California girls
c) Arizona trolls

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6 **Do you _____, do you, surfer girl?**
a) love me
b) even know how to swim
c) know how a bill becomes a law

7 **Help me, Rhonda! Yeah, _____.**
a) get my car out of "park"
b) get her out of my heart
c) eat the rest of this tart

8 **I'm pickin' up good vibrations. She's _____.**
a) not, and I really wish she'd help me clean them up
b) givin' me excitations
c) pickin' up a carton of milk on the way home

I'm pickin' up sand fleas.

BOARD MEMBERS: The Beach Boys in 1962.

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NEWS FROM NICKELODEON • AUGUST 1997

What's Cookin'?

Nickelodeon's new movie, *Good Burger*, features Kel Mitchell and Kenan Thompson as Ed and Dexter, two fast-food workers who find themselves embroiled in a secret-sauce war with Mondo Burger, a competing chain.

Real

HOT STUFF *(clockwise from top)*: Kel *(left)* and Kenan's cheesy smiles; Mondo Burger's Carmen Miranda burger looking very good; Kel getting a good shake.

David Lewman dished out some questions to Todd Ellis and Cindy Lambert on the *Good Burger* set in West Covina, California. Todd, the property master, was responsible for designing props for the movie. He worked closely with Cindy, the food stylist, who made sure all the food looked and behaved as it should.

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: Did you use real burgers?
Todd: We used both real and fake ones. The special effects department made fake burgers out of rubber and painted them to look like real ones. We used them for scenes like the one where a dog is *not* supposed to want the burger.

Did you cook on the set?
Cindy: Yes, we had a whole kitchen that was just for making prop food.

Did you paint the real food to make it look better on camera?
Cindy: Yes, with edible things like steak sauce, Worcestershire sauce, and food coloring—in case the actors had to eat it.

What unusual food substitutions have you made?
Cindy: I've used all sorts of bizarre stuff for movies. Sometimes I'll use a scoop of vegetable shortening with food coloring instead of ice cream or sherbet. [The real stuff would melt under the hot lights.] For milk on cereal, I use Elmer's glue—as long as the actor doesn't have to eat it. [The flakes don't get soggy in glue.] Once, when an actor had to eat a spider, I made it out of Gummi Bear ingredients.

What about for *Good Burger*?
Cindy: The ketchup and mustard were made of cornstarch and a bunch of other edible things. So when the actors were sprayed with them [*above, right*], their clothes didn't stain as badly as if the real foods had been used, and these substitutes don't attract ants. I also created a plastic-based goo to use in place of Ed's Sauce [*below, right*]. It was used in scenes where the sauce was supposed to be cooking. To make it look like it was boiling, we blew air through it to make bubbles. And we dropped dry ice in it, so it looked like it was steaming.

So, what exactly is in Ed's Sauce?
Todd: It's a secret. Nobody but Ed knows that.

Can I Take Your Order?

Here's what happens when Kenan and Kel go to a fast-food restaurant.

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: Have you ever been recognized at a burger joint?
Kenan: Yeah, I have. One time at Taco Bell, the person at the drive-thru window asked me why I was by myself.
Kel: Whenever I'm with my cousin, he'll say, "Welcome to Good Burger, home of the Good Burger" [Ed's famous line]. Then the employees are like, "Hey, you're the Good Burger guy!"

Do you get extra food when you're recognized?
Kenan: Actually, yeah! I've been hooked up with apple pies and stuff like that.
Kel: One time, Kenan and I were recognized at a San Francisco burger place. When I asked, "Oh, can I get extra burgers?" this girl gave us a whole bunch of food. She was like, "Here, here, here."

—D.L.

Good Burger's Secret Source

Here are some little-known facts about *Good Burger*.

1. The Good Burger diner in the movie used to be a taco stand called Taco Paco.
2. The Good Burger diner looked so real that many people asked if they could eat there.
3. Some 1,750 pounds of beef were used during the filming of the movie.
4. For lunch, the cast and crew had their pick of chicken, beef, or seafood—but no burgers.
5. The Good Burger shake machine was specially designed and built for the movie. It had to be big enough for Kel to fit inside.
6. The rusty Coke sign behind Good Burger looks antique, but it was made for the movie. Brown paint made it look aged and weathered.
7. The Burger Mobile [*below*] was really a dressed-up AMC Pacer from the 1970s. While the movie was being made, the first Burger Mobile was damaged in a stunt, so a backup was used for the rest of the movie.

—D.L.

NOW! Math League

Kenan, Kel, and *KABLAM!* are hitting the big screen this summer. When you go to see *Good Burger*, you'll also get to see a short film of *KABLAM!*'s *Action League Now!** with special guest KISS.

We toyed with the origins of some *Action League Now!* characters.

Pamela Lee

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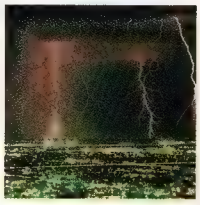
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a frying pan

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David Justice

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Kevin Sorbo

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a peach

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The Flesh

KABLAM! airs on Friday nights.
Check local listings for details.
*Some theaters may not show the short film.

Hey, Herb!

Where you ask the president of Nickelodeon, Herb Scannell, anything you want.

Real

Are you afraid of the ocean?

I'm not afraid of water, but I am cautious in it. When it comes to sports like scuba diving and snorkeling, I'd just as soon stay near the shore. The only time I want to see a fish up close is when it's on a plate.

What is the best vacation you've ever taken?

When I was in my teens, my parents let me take a 180-mile bike ride across Long Island, New York, with six of my friends. It was a real adventure. We each carried only a backpack and some water. One night, we slept at an abandoned Boy Scout camp. We didn't have tents, so mosquitoes ate us alive. We took showers by running through sprinklers in a big field of grass. It was a lot of fun.

Send your questions to:

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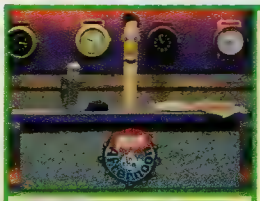


What's New on Nick

Still Stuck on Stick

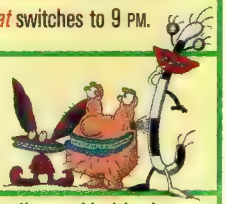
Stick Stickly, the world's most famous ice-cream stick, is back to host Nick in the Afternoon–a mix of Nicktoons and live-action shows–weekdays from 3 to 5 PM. During the U Pick segment, viewers get to choose which program will be shown.

A New SNICK Mix

Rugrats joins the SNICK line-up on Saturday, August 23, at 8 PM. *Kenan & Kel* moves to 8:30 PM, and *All That* switches to 9 PM.

AAAHH!!! New Episodes

Starting August 24, tune in Sundays at 11:30 AM for new episodes of *AAAHH!!! Real Monsters.*



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If These Walls Could Talk Contest

Real

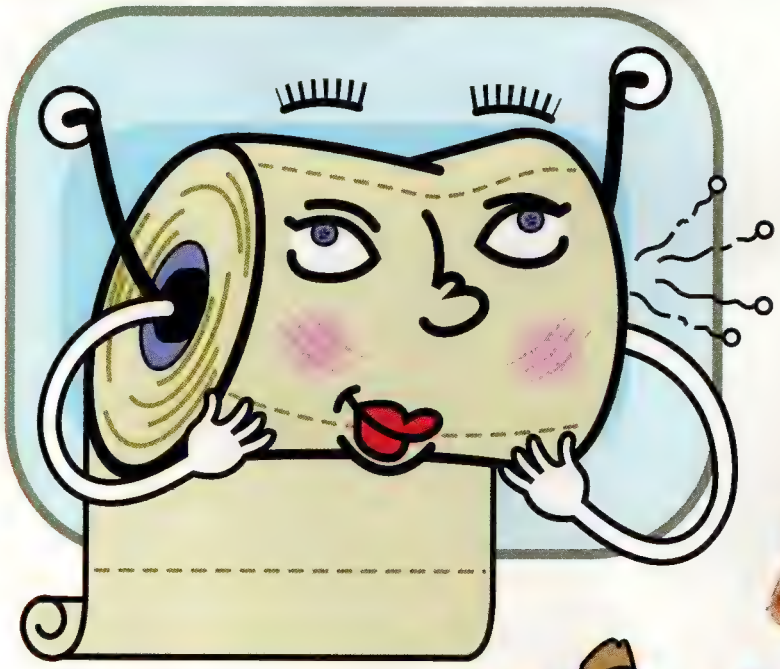
In our March issue we asked you to tell us what's on the mind of a household object. Here are our contest winners and honorable mentions.

Lamp

- I've been working on and off ever since I left that store.
- After such a hard day, I'm all burnt out.
- I wish I were a Clapper. Then they'd keep their grubby hands off me.

Alicia G., age 13
Flushing, Michigan

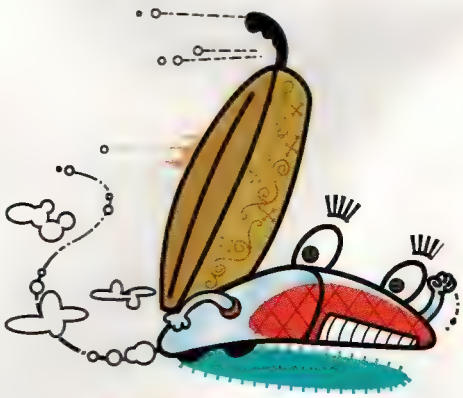
Winners



Toilet Paper

- I'm on a roll.
- Don't embarrass me–I *flush* easily.
- I'm wiped out.

Bryan F., age 9
Guntersville, Alabama



Vacuum Cleaner

- Eat my dust.
- Change the bag, will ya!
- Incoming, pennies at two o'clock.

Jamia H., age 11
Monroe, Louisiana

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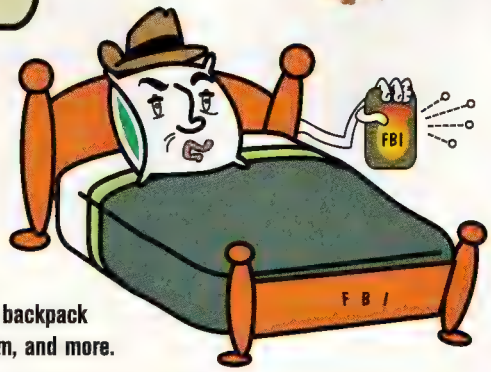

Bed

- People say I'm an old softy!
- I must be a real bore–people always fall asleep on me.
- I'm like the FBI–I send people undercover.

Michael Y., age 8
Baltimore, Maryland

Each winner will receive a NICKELODEON MAGAZINE backpack filled with Nickelodeon Videos, Gak, Smud, Floam, and more.

You Want

Honorable Mentions

Fireplace
Come on, baby, light my fire.
Rachel R., age 9
Richmond, Texas

Fish Tank
Something smells fishy.
Jessica H., age 9½
Nashville, Tennessee

Dresser
I'm so embarrassed–everyone can see my drawers.
Alex W., age 11
Alamo, Tennessee

Telephone
Is that Carlsbad Caverns or earwax?
Marcie M., age 12
Grants, New Mexico

Telephone
I'm a good listener.
Tatiana B., age 11
La Paz, Bolivia

Scissors
Excuse me, cutting through.
Becky S., age 9
Bailey, Colorado

Piano
Oh no, not "Chopsticks" again!
Ryan J., age 14
Vian, Oklahoma

Ceiling Fan
I get dizzy going around all the time.
Robyn C., age 8
Fairfield, Alabama

Toaster
Ahem. Ahem! I would like to propose a toast.
Sarah H., age 11
Aurora, Illinois

Digital Clock
Hey, look! No hands!
Greg S., age 11
Pleasanton, California

Thanks for all your entries.
They gave *us* something to talk about.

Say What?

from the March issue

These entries were *souper.*

Woman: Hey, honey, what do you think about my soup?
Man: It tastes pretty good, but it's making bubbles come out of my head.
Ken N., age 10
Corinth, Mississippi

Woman: Hey, your ears are clean.
Man: I know. That's the secret ingredient.
Jenna P., age 12
Gaston, Indiana

Woman: So, who's winning–the carrots or the peas?
Man: Go peas, go! Yes! They scored a touchdown.
Emily P., age 12
Chesterton, Indiana

Woman: Did I put enough red pepper in it?
Man: Are you kidding? My tongue is doing the stop, drop, and roll.
Nicole D., age 10
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Woman: I hope you like my eyeball soup.
Man: It *looks* good.
Nathan E., age 9
Santa Rosa, California

Woman: What do you think?
Man: Smells great and looks better than it did on the road last night.
Shawn W., age 13
Morganton, North Carolina

The Jokes

by David Lewman

Why did the dinosaur eat the motel rooms?
He had a suite tooth.

If you take a dog on a long car trip, will he bark or arf?
Neither—he'll barf.

Why did the driver pick a potato from the edge of the Grand Canyon?
She wanted to take the scenic root.

Where do you go to see singing fish?
The Great Choral Reef.

What do you do if your frog breaks down?
Have it toad.

What did Bugs Bunny say when he got off the cruise ship?
What's up, dock?

When the Addams Family goes on vacation, what does Thing pack?
Not much, just a handbag.

Why did the barber vacation in the north woods?
He wanted to see a wild mousse.

Why did the small bucket go sunbathing?
He was a little pail.

What did the turnpike worker say when the driver tried to pay twice?
"I already tolled you."

ANSWERS

Real

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1-A, 2-C, 3-C, 4-A, 5-B, 6-A, 7-B, 8-B.

Goof Troupe: In our May issue (page 4), Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey should have been abbreviated RBBB. We're such Bozos. And in our June/July issue (page 2), we misspelled Millard Fillmore. We are philled with shame.

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